

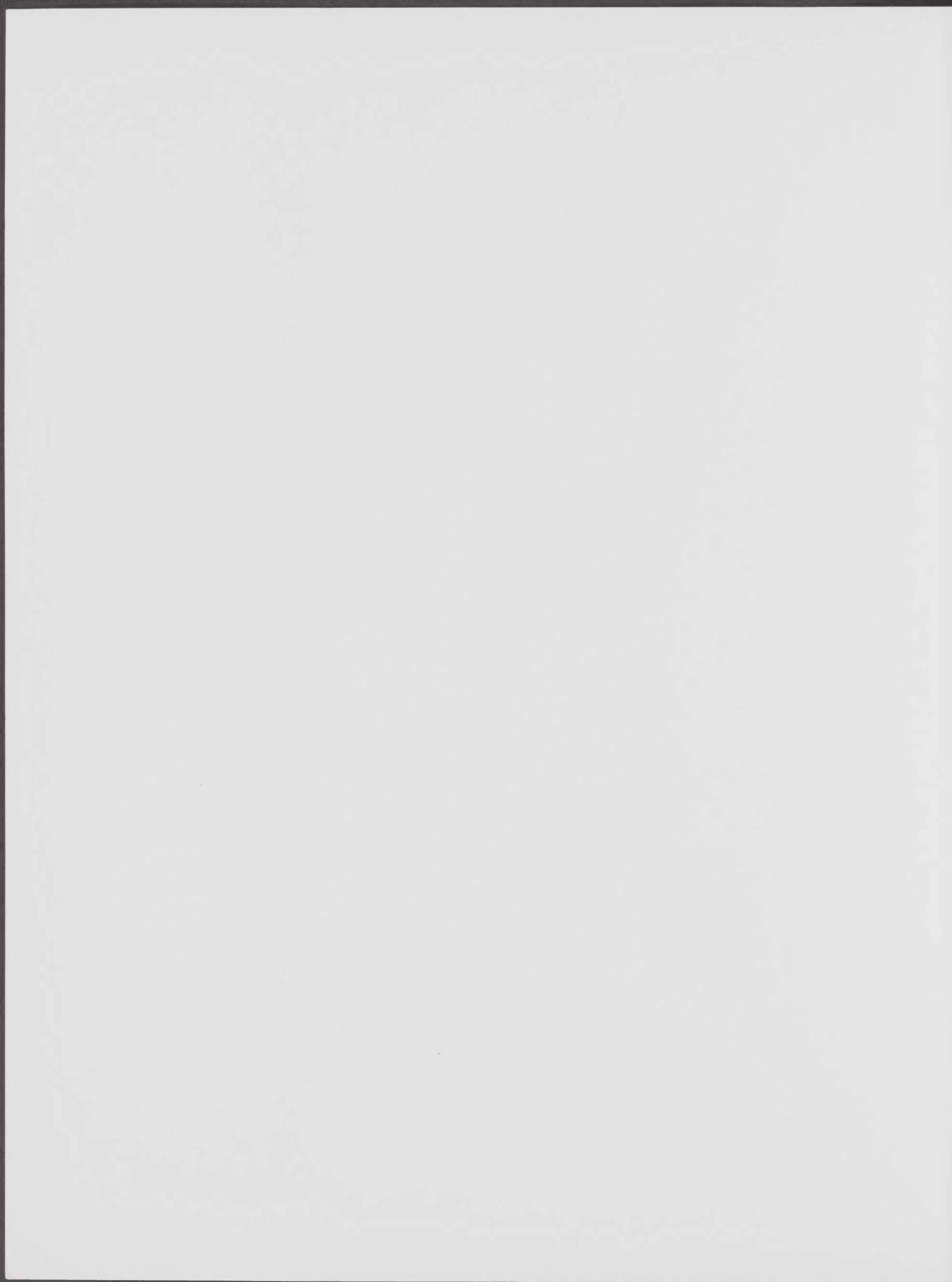
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Monday, February 18, 2002
9:00am

Session Two

Monday, February 18, 2002
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Tuesday, February 19, 2002
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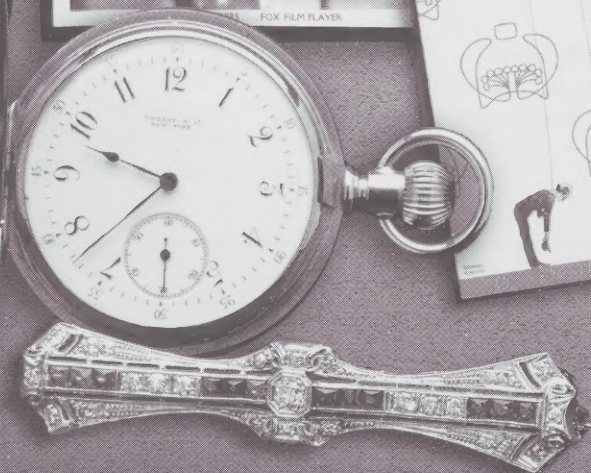
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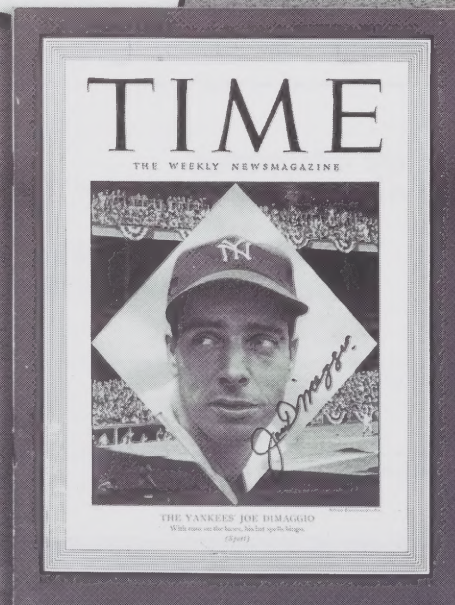
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- 1 This catalog contains the description of property of multiple consignors (the "Consignors"), and may include consignments from Goldberg, its principals, and affiliated or related companies and their employees, officers, or principals. All persons seeking to bid, whether in person, through an agent or employee, or by telephone, facsimile or mail, must have a catalogue and register to bid at the auction, either by completing a registration card or by completing the bid sheet incorporated into the catalogue. The Purchaser acknowledges that an invoice describing a lot by number incorporates the catalogue by reference.
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- 30 By bidding in the sale, (whether in person, by mail, telephone or facsimile, or through an agent), Bidder expressly consents to the following

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- 36 These Terms and Conditions of Sale and the auction shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of California, whether or not the auction is and these Terms and Conditions of Sale are fully performed in California.
37. Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that the competent courts of the State of California shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute(s) arising hereunder, and Purchaser hereby agrees that any dispute arising hereunder shall be litigated exclusively in the courts of the State of California, and not elsewhere, regardless of any party's current or future residence or domicile. Purchaser further agrees that venue shall be in the Superior Court of Los Angeles, in the State of California.

- 38 ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS. The Bidder/Purchaser shall pay to Goldberg all costs and expenses of collection of amounts due herein, or to otherwise enforce any or all provisions of these Terms and Conditions of Sale, the subject matter of these Terms and Conditions of Sale, or any other agreement entered into with Goldberg, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred before legal action, if any, is commenced. The Bidder/Purchaser further agrees that in any litigation or other proceeding based upon, arising out of or related to these Terms and Conditions of Sale, the Bidder/Purchaser shall pay to Goldberg its attorney fees and other expenses and costs incurred in connection with the litigation or other proceeding if Goldberg is the prevailing party.

- 39 If any section of these Terms and Conditions of Sale or any term or provision of any section is held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections or terms and provisions of a section shall continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way.
- AS STATED IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE Certain lots may be reserved by the Consignor. If the Auctioneer identifies a Consignor bidding on his own property, an announcement will be made that the Consignor is now bidding. If the Consignor places a bid in the mail bid book and is successful, the Auctioneer will announce that the lot has been passed.

The Benson Collection II



Ira and Larry Goldberg, who have handled countless millions of dollars worth of rare coins over several decades, state that the Benson coins are the finest they have ever handled in terms of consistency of quality and beauty throughout the collection. Most of the coins have been graded by PCGS and are designated "Benson" on the PCGS grading tag within each slab.

The Benson Collection sold in three parts, started with the February 18-21, 2001 sale, and featured the Benson copper coins. The silver coins in the Benson Collection are where the family focused most of its attention, culminating in a stunning assemblage of superb coins dating from 1794 through to 1946, when the collection was basically concluded and put away. Ever since 1946, these coins have been carefully stored in either the panel pages of the National Albums, devised by legendary dealer Wayte Raymond, or carefully wrapped in "anti-tarnish" paper and placed inside the coin envelope which included the date of purchase and price paid. The result is pristine quality enhanced by a consistently beautiful rainbow of iridescent toning on almost every coin. The eye-appeal is so exceptionally pleasing that, during a preview of some of the silver coins at the summer 2000 ANA convention in Philadelphia, a new term was born and widely used by dealers at the show — "Benson toning." These are the coins featured in Part Two.

The final auction, Part Three, will feature the last of the Benson coins — patterns in high grade with the same wonderful iridescent toning, as well as a thoroughly delightful collection of U.S. gold coins in all denominations. Again, the watchword is "quality." Among the gold will be numerous early types in exceptionally choice conditions.

How this extraordinary collection was formed makes for an unusual numismatic tale. Dr Benson started collecting coins as a Cub Scout in 1939, placing "finds" of Indian

cents and similar coins taken from circulation in the then-current Wayte Raymond holders. His father was a prominent Philadelphia physician with offices in Rittenhouse Square, in the heart of the old colonial city. Among his patients were several of the numismatic luminaries of the time, including Ira Reed, and the first female Director of the U.S. Mint, Rae V. Biester (appointed by FDR, she served until 1956).

Young Benson had little opportunity to spend any "quality time" with his busy father during World War II, but their favorite shared activity was for the boy to travel together with his dad on weekend visits to patients (it was still the era of the doctor coming to the client). This was the only time they really saw much of each other. On their visits to Reed and Biester, the father literally chanced into numismatics as he listened to stories of the Mint and of collecting.

The son's modest "penny collection" was to suddenly bloom into something extraordinary, by any measure. As a reward for doing the rounds with his father, the boy was taken to see Ira Reed, one of the most prominent dealers of his day. Reed introduced father and son to the spectacular world of rare coins, showing them treasures of the U.S. Mint, runs of 19th-century Proof sets, and even splendid survivors of the earliest days of America, before it was a Republic.

While visiting Mint Director Biester, they were given intimate glimpses of the minting process itself and allowed to purchase first strikes of coins made each year during the 1940s. Thus many of the Benson coins came directly into the collection from the Mint Director, while earlier pieces were hand-selected for them by Ira Reed.

The father-son collecting team ended its pursuits around 1950, when the boy decided to attend medical school and follow in his father's footsteps as a physician. During its short existence, however, this teamwork produced a collection of phenomenal consistency — for they only included the very best coins among their treasures. In a very short period of time, guided by two luminous numismatists, the Bensons, father and son, developed "an amazing eye" for quality with no thought at all, at the time, for how important this would become to collectors half a century later. Very few collectors in the 1940s appreciated the nuances of what would come to define quality in the 21st century.

The Benson coins have remained undisturbed in a safety deposit box for 50 years. They were hidden from professional view until shown to Ira and Larry Goldberg, still housed in the Wayte Raymond coin boards, undisturbed and untouched for five decades.

Dr Benson asked that his coins be graded by PCGS, primarily in order to protect them. They were reviewed once and slabbed during the summer of 2000 at PCGS.

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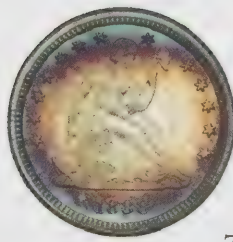
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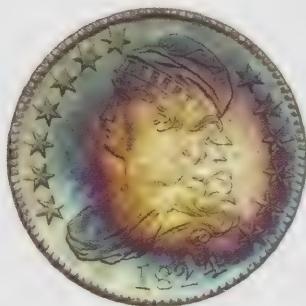
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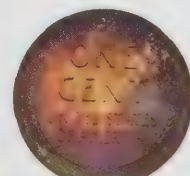
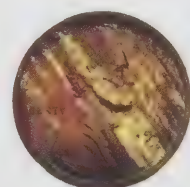
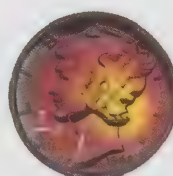
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1 1722 Rosa Americana Penny, inscribed "UTILE DULCI". PCGS graded AU-55. Great color and surfaces for one of these! Totally free of problems or spots, and worthy of a top notch collection. PCGS has graded 7 this high, with just 4 graded higher. Rare and seldom offered, and always in strong demand as one of the earlier issues struck for the American colonies.

Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000



2 1723 Rosa Americana Halfpenny. PCGS graded MS-63 Brown. Rare and desirable this nice, with excellent surfaces that show no signs of porosity or spotting. Fully struck by the dies, with ample details in the curls, and on the rose and crown on the reverse. As problem free for the grade as one could hope to find. PCGS has only graded 5 of these, 2 in this grade, with 1 graded a point higher, and none above that. There are a number of rare and desirable colonials offered in this sale, and many are some of the finest graded. Make sure to bid accordingly.

Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000



3 1723 Rosa Americana Twopence. PCGS graded AU-55. Dark to medium brown in color and struck on a slightly porous brass planchet. We note some minor planchet flaws on the lower right obverse, one crack touches the truncation, and another is noted above EX of REX along the rim. Boldly struck and generally well preserved, and an issue that is scarce this nice.

Estimated Value \$1,250-1,750



4 1760 Hibernia-Voce Populi Farthing. Large letters. PCGS graded AU-58. A rare coin indeed, and especially as the finest graded by PCGS! It is alone in the AU-58 grade, and none have yet been graded as Mint State. Sharp on the central obverse and around the periphery, the only sign of weakness is located at the central reverse. Medium brown in color and smooth save for an ancient slightly rough area located on the lower obverse. If you demand the finest for your colonial collection, then you'll have a field day in this sale, with this particular coin circled in your catalog. An exceptional example of this rare issue.

Estimated Value \$4,500-5,500

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The Finest Graded Rhode Island Ship Medal With Wreath In Brass



Enlarged



- 5 (c. 1779) Rhode Island Ship Medal, with wreath, Brass. Betts-563. PCGS graded MS-64. All Rhode Island ship medals are rare, especially this variety. The surfaces of this one are exceptional, and show no significant or even minor signs of handling. The color too is choice, with brassy and copper highlights, and no troubling spots or detracting toned areas. Fully struck, with as much detail as possible given the state of the dies, and somewhat primitive conditions which likely prevailed when these were struck. One small edge flaw is noted at the bottom of the obverse, which is present on both sides of the coin. PCGS has graded 4 in all grades, with the being the finest seen by that service. The legends have been subject to various interpretations over the years, but Breen's seems the best, "The Americans had run away in 1778; now there goes Admiral Howe the same way in 1779." The Revolutionary War skirmishes referred to were the American and French forces which abandoned Conanicut Island in order to pursue Howe's forces on ships in 1778, but a storm forced both sides to withdraw. Admiral Howe soon took control of the small Island off Narragansett Bay, but he was forced to withdraw 15 months later, as the American and French forces prevailed. On the original issue, the Dutch word VLUGTENDE (fleeing) was seen just below Howe's ship, but this word was scraped off most coins, and the dies were changed to show a pair of branches or sprigs below. Breen suggests that the reference to fleeing could result in reprisals by the British, so the dies were changed. Nothing like the threat of a long stay in Newgate Prison to make one very careful about such things. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$6,000-7,000



- 6 1713-D. 30 Deniers. PCGS graded AU-50. A nice example of this scarce issue, the color is natural in appearance and the surfaces clean.
Estimated Value \$500-750

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- 7 **1713-AA French Colonies 15 Deniers. PCGS graded AU-58.** Referred to as a "Demi Mousquetaires" or "Half Mousquetaires" piece. Very rare as a denomination, and especially so for the date of 1713. Complete silvering save for the very highest devices which show a trace of darker gray on the high points. This is the rosette variety, which appears after the date at the top of the crown. Breen notes that these are all very rare, and this variety he states "4 or 5 seen."

The coinage from the French Colonies was first issued under the Royal Edict of February 1679, and the coins were intended to circulate in Canada, Aradia and the French Carribean. Later, more coins were issued under the Edict of September 1709, which called for billon coinage in the denominations of 15 and 30 Deniers. Billon consisted of both copper and silver. Apparently, these circulated well as most are found in extremely low grades. Around 1720 John Law set up his abortive scheme for land speculation in the Mississippi region. Bank notes were issued backed by land, and precious little silver or gold as backing. After the disastrous consequences unfolded, coinage became quite scarce in the region (Stack's Roper sale, 1983).

Struck at the Paris Mint, this coin somehow survived in wonderful condition, despite the rusted dies used to the coin it. Nearly identical to the Roper coin offered by Stack's in 1983, but this is a different die pairing.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250



- 8 **1783 Nova Constellation Copper. Pointed rays, small U.S. PCGS graded MS-62 Brown.** Light brown in color and well struck, including the center all seeing eye. The fields show scattered red patina, as often found on copper of this period or earlier and some devices are affected. PCGS has only graded 1 coin this high, with just 2 graded higher, both MS-63 brown, making this one likely high in the condition census for the issue.

Under the new Confederation, Gouverneur Morris tried to locate a consistent source for uniform coinage. Silver was scarce in America, so he focused on copper by traveling to England and requesting help from the Birmingham mints. Although lacking authority to act, many believed Morris was ready to contract out the much needed copper coinage, and patterns were prepared by various mints. This is one such pattern issue, designed by George Wyon III, after Benjamin Dudley, and struck at Wyon's Mint in Birmingham. These were coined at 60 or 55 or even 72 to the pound of copper. Many circulated in America for years after issue. Finding a mint state example is nearly unheard of, and collectors would do well to put this one away before it disappears into someone else's collection.

Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

The Rare Atlee Pattern 1787 Immunis Columbia Eagle Reverse



- 9 **1787 Immunis Columbia Copper Pattern. Eagle reverse. PCGS graded AU-55.** One of the finest graded of this rare pattern issue, PCGS notes that this coin is alone as the sole AU-55 graded, with 4 coins graded higher by that service. Designed and coined by James F. Atlee prior to his joining the Mint at Machin's Mills, these were patterns for contract coinage for the Confederation, either with the Rahway Mills Mint or on his own.

The proposal was made by Gen. Ogden, the bondholder for the Rahway Mills Mint, who had copper mines and the ability to meet the coinage demands of the new Confederation of States. Ogden's proposal no doubt included several examples of this 1787 Immunis Columbia pattern, and these were turned over to the Confederation Board of Treasury's nefarious chief, Col. William Duer. Unbeknownst to Ogden, the contract had already been awarded to James Jarvis, in consideration of a \$10,000 bribe to Duer (Breen's Encyclopedia). In short order, Jarvis had to flee the country as he could not meet the demands of the contract, as he had no source for the copper, and Jarvis stayed in Europe to avoid the \$10,842 judgment against him. Before Ogden received the bad news of the contract award to his competitor (the bribing Jarvis), Ogden had Atlee strike a large number of the 1787 Immunis Columbia coppers. These coins circulated at 14 to the shilling, when they were accepted, and many circulated for many years.

A most important offering for the Colonial specialist.

Estimated Value \$5,000-7,500

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Enlarged



- 10 **1787 Massachusetts Half Cent, Ryder 4-C. PCGS graded MS-64 Brown.** A rare coin in this grade, with fully struck devices and alluring glossy dark brown tones. PCGS has graded 15 this high, and 4 higher of this important colonial issue. This one will delight the specialist in every way and is certainly worth a strong price.

Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000



- 11 **1787 Connecticut Copper. Horned bust variety, Miller 4-L. PCGS graded AU-58.** This is an excellent example of the "horned bust" variety, which refers to the heavy die break which extends upwards from Liberty's bust into the field near her chin. Splendid light brown in color, with smooth surfaces and decent centering on the usual small planchet. While we're not sure of the provenance of this coin, it is not the Garrett coin as that was an early die state. This one is currently the finest graded by PCGS, and alone in this grade category, making the importance of this offering very significant. Believed to have been coined in New Jersey by the Morristown Mint, and engraved and coined by Walter Mould and Benjamin Dudley. Struck on small, thin flans weighing 105-115.5 grains. A foremost opportunity for the specialist.

Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500

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Perhaps the Finest 1787 New York "Excelsior" Copper, Eagle Facing Left



Enlarged



- 12 **1787 New York "Excelsior" Copper. Eagle facing left. PCGS graded AU-55.** Excelsior, the very name is part of the holy grail of United States Colonials, for it is tied directly to the famed Brasher Doubloon of the same date and to the die maker of each, John Bailey. Perfect light brown in color, the devices are generally well struck and enhanced by slightly darker hues in the fields that surround them. A touch of weakness on the small central shield, with the sun over the mountains and rays above weak, perhaps as much from die failure as strike. Quickly identifiable by a small dig at the center of the shield on the reverse, although we were unable to trace this one to any previous auctions. A classic rarity in any grade, and this particular coin is certainly one of the very finest known. Breen estimates that 15-20 are known, and that seems too high. Many of the great colonial collections of the past several decades did not have a specimen, and those that did often could only locate a rather low grade piece.

These patterns were struck by John Bailey and possibly for Ephram Brasher as state coinage proposals for New York, they incorporate the State Arms of New York on the obverse, the reverse with the Great Seal of the United States loosely copied with a large eagle with outstretched wings, E PLURIBUS UNUM around, and 1787 below. These New York arms are found on that state's paper currency issue of April 18, 1786, as engraved by Peter Maverick (Breen). Their heraldic blazoning: "Sun rising over three mountains, sea in foreground, all proper; crest, eagle surmounts demi-globe on torse; dexter supporter, Liberty with cap and pole; sinister supporter, Justice, with scales." EXCELSIOR, or "More excellent, more noble," is the state motto: (Newman).

As to rarity, PCGS has graded just two examples, this coin as by far the finest in AU-55, on one other grading EF-40. Although a different example, this one is very similar in grade to the Garrett coin offered in 1979. This particular coin is a later die state, and that may account for the central obverse weakness. Note the rim crumbling below the date and around the periphery. Many are poorly struck and off center, this one is well centered and rather sharp for the issue. Others are listed below. A foremost opportunity, and we feel this colonial is underrated and may prove to be far rarer than currently reported, once the pedigree chains are connected and further research is accomplished. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$20,000-30,000

Purchased in a private transaction a few years ago. The best listing of these we could locate was published in Bowers and Merena's Norweb sale, March 1988, and we thank them their for research on this rare issue:

- 1) The present specimen, PCGS graded AU-55
- 2). Bowers & Ruddy's Garrett Sales, November 1979: 599 AU-50.
- 3). Bowers and Merena's Norweb Part II Sale, March 1988: 2681 Very Fine 35., purchased privately from New Netherlands, December 11, 1954 by the Norwebs.
- 4). Stack's Park Sale, May 1976: 58 (unknown grade, but Very Fine or lower)
- 5). Stack's John L. Roper, 2nd Sale, December 1983: 271, ex Merkin Sale, October 1973: 121 Very Fine
- 6). Stack's Donald Groves Sale, November 1974: 334, Fine to Very Fine
- 7). Stack's Robison Sale, February 1982: 152, a strong Fine.
- 8). Stack's FPL, 1989, item C153, Fine, ex: Andrew C. Zabriskie, H. Chapman, June 3, 1909, lot 77, plated.
- 9). Stack's FPL, 1986, item C41, Very Good.
- 10) New Netherland's 60th, December 1968: 414, Fine to Very Fine, plugged.

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- 13 **"1787" Machin's Mills Copper Halfpenny. PCGS graded VF-20.** All the Machin's Mills coins are scarce and popular as they were struck in New York. This specimen shows a decent strike from the dies, and the surfaces are finely porous and dark. For the Machin's Mills issues, most are on defective planchets and frequently are poorly struck and weak. PCGS hasn't graded a whole lot of these, so far just 20 in all grades, the finest seen in AU-50, and most grade below EF. This is the small date variety, listed in *Early American Coins* by Robert A. Vlack as variety 17-87A.
Estimated Value \$550-600



- 14 **1787 Nova Eborac. Figure facing right. PCGS graded EF-40.** An extremely important issue from John Bailey and struck in New York City around 1787. The quatrefoil punches (the small 4 petal flowers after the legends) match those of the extremely rare Excelsior pattern issues and the famous Brasher Doubloons, as well as the 1788 New Jersey coppers, which links these coins to John Bailey. Apparently these were issued as proposals to the State of New York to win the contract for making coins, but enough of these are around to indicate that they were made for circulation, and not strictly pattern issues. This particular one was struck on a clean planchet, and is an even brown color, with no signs of porosity or similar detractors. The surfaces are choice, but we will mention a few faint scrapes on the lower left of the obverse near the rim, and a trivial planchet flake on the jaw. A later die state, as are many, with the quatrefoil after LIB weak, and a long rim break from that area towards Liberty's toe. Sharply struck throughout, and about as nice as one could hope to locate. The seated right variety is much scarcer than the seated left. PCGS has only graded 3 as EF-40, with a single coin graded higher as AU-53. No mint state coins have been graded of this variety. Further, this one is in the old green insert PCGS holder. Truly an exceptional colonial for the specialist.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000



- 15 **1788 Vermont Copper. PCGS graded EF-45. Benson.** This appears to be the Round Head, one obverse star variety (Breen-726). The obverse device is sharply struck especially on the uniform. PCGS has graded 5 this high, with 3 graded higher, and none in mint state. Scarce and always in demand as state coinage has really started to come into its own the past decade. Estimated Value \$1,200-1,500

From our Benson Collection I, February, 2001, lot 85.



- 16 **1787 Auctori Plebis Token. PCGS graded AU-55.** One of the finest graded of this rare and popular colonial issue. PCGS in their Population Report shows just 1 graded as AU-55 and 1 graded higher as AU-58, no mint state coins are reported, making this one of the very finest to have come down to us today. These were struck to imitate the then current Connecticut coppers on planchets which were too small to accommodate the reverse die, and the tops of the lettering and bottom of the date is always missing. The obverse die was weakly engraved so simulate wear, and thus encourage acceptance. On the reverse, there is a die crack from Liberty's head extending down to the left. AUCTORI PLEBIS means "by the authority of the commoners" (Breen) and this has an antiroyalist flavor, the reverse legend of INDEP. ET LIBER "Independence and Liberty" which was copied from the Connecticut reverse legend. Most likely these were struck at the Birmingham mints between early 1788 and July 1789 when the copper panic stopped profitable business.
Light brown in color, with a few scattered ticks on the obverse, and one small stain on the B of PLEBIS should help trace the pedigree. Well struck for the issue, despite the late reverse die state.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,750

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The Finest Graded 1794 Franklin Press Token



- 17 **1794 Franklin Press Token. PCGS graded MS-65 Brown.** This is the finest graded by PCGS, and it is alone as the sole MS-65 graded as Brown. There are a few Red and Brown examples graded, but they top out at MS-64. Gorgeous light brown in color on this one, with some mint red near the devices and no spots or other detracting marks. If you demand the finest, and want a regal example for your collection, then here is a boldly struck gem which is second to none. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000



- 18 **1795 Talbot, Allum & Lee Token Cent. PCGS graded MS-64 Red.** Here is a significant rarity, this is the only "red" 1795 Talbot graded by PCGS! Not only that, but the surfaces of this near gem are quite beautiful and undiminished by marks or annoying spots. Well struck and preserved, this one must have been tucked away at the time of issue, and somehow retained most of the original mint color. Slightly faded, but clearly a very impressive coin for the mint color and surface quality. The reverse is especially nice in the color arena.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000



- 19 **1783 Georgius Triumpho Token, Baker-7. PCGS graded AU-58.** One of the finest graded of this rare and important colonial issue. Although little is known about the origin of the Georgius Triumpho coppers, we do know that there is an unfortunate resemblance to George III, and many are thought to have been defaced as such. These are thought to have circulated in the areas that became the states of Georgia and Florida, and others were exported to Jamaica. It is believed that no portrait of Washington was available, so an Irish halfpence was loosely copied for the head of Washington. The reverse design elements depict Lady Liberty weaving on a frame with 13 vertical stripes for the colonies, and four fleurs de lys at the corners, a tip to the vast help received from the French during the Revolution. All seen show a strong reverse die break through the weaving frame, on the left of the lady weaver. Excellent surfaces for the issue, with medium to dark brown toning evenly across both sides. One tiny red spot will identify between TR of TRIUMPHO. Free of handling or circulation problems.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000



- 20 **1783 Washington Token. Large military bust. PCGS graded MS-62 Brown.** One of the finest graded of this variety, and the surfaces are nice for the grade assigned. We note a tiny scrape left of the & on the obverse, and the color is medium brown and free of problems. Sharp at the centers, but weak on parts of the peripheral lettering on the left side. Doubling is noted on the dentils on the right, and this one may be slightly double struck. PCGS has only graded 1 coin as such, with 1 graded higher, as MS-63 Brown, and 1 other as MS-62 Red and Brown for the top three seen by that service. An important example for the specialist.
Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200

U. S. Colonial Coins

Stunning 1783 Washington Cent Token "UNITY STATES"



- 21 **1783 Washington Token. "UNITY STATES", Vlack 27-W. PCGS graded MS-63 Brown.** A stunning and magnificent example of this Birmingham issue. Note the satiny brown luster on both sides and this is likely one of the only examples that retains mint color. Bluntly struck, as are all, with the tops of the peripheral letters and devices poorly struck up. The surfaces are exceptional for the moderate grade, and no signs of spots or discoloration of any size are present. PCGS in their population report show that this coin is the finest graded and alone as the sole MS-63. There are four others graded just below as MS-62. We can scarcely imagine a nicer example, with such lovely color, surfaces and rich history.

For many years, the origins of this token were unclear. As so often is the case in numismatics, years of research and analysis of minute details has solved this riddle. The dies are believed to have been engraved by Thomas Wells Ingram, of the Soho Mint around 1820. Other dies from this same maker are signed with a small "I" on Washington, and one seen has TWI, which linked this colonial to the Soho Mint around 1820. The date "1783" refers to the Treaty of Paris and the ending of the Revolution. It is apparent from the reverse that it was copied from the Large cents of 1796-1807, and these tokens were intended to circulate along side still scarce Philadelphia Mint regular cent issues. As copper coins were not legal tender in the United States, there were no laws against the import and circulation of copper tokens. As we know, the Philadelphia Mint could scarcely keep up with demand, and many areas still lacked small coins to make change. Hence merchants could order kegs of these tokens, and give them out as change without violating any laws. The copper coin shortage came to a head during the 1815-1817 period, when large cents were far more expensive to purchase compared with these tokens, which could be had for much less than one cent each, and given out as cents in change. The monetary history of the United States is rich with dozens of tokens and other stop gap measures that have been employed to keep the wheels of commerce turning when other coins were not available. An outstanding coin that will enhance even the most advanced collection. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500



- 22 **(c.1783) Washington Token Double Head Cent. PCGS graded MS-62 Brown.** One of the finest graded of this important coin, PCGS has seen only 4 this high, with none graded higher! Mottled brown in color, with areas of darker shades near the rim and on the devices. All Washington colonials are scarce and have been popular since the time they were made. A timeless classic.
Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200



- 23 **(c.1783) Washington Token Double Head Cent. PCGS graded AU-50.** Choice light brown colors in the fields, with darker areas hugging the devices. Sharply struck and well preserved. Ever popular and always in high demand.
Estimated Value \$500-600

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- 24 **1791 Washington Token Cent. Large eagle, Baker-15. PCGS graded MS-65 Brown.** Designed and engraved by John Gregory Hancock, Sr. (1775-1815) the child prodigy of Birmingham who became one of the finest engraving artists in the rich history of British diemaking. This particular work was done by Hancock at the ripe old age of 16. Washington is portrayed in elegant fashion, copied from a French period engraving of the time (see Breen's Encyclopedia). On the reverse we see a robust eagle, wings outspread and form fitting to the restrictions of a round planchet. In his beak a ribbon reads UNUM E PLURIBUS with ONE CENT above. Even the eagle's tail shows seven feathers, and this issue would arise in 1878 when Morgan dollars suffered an excess tail feather until some sharp eyed coiner noticed the offending feather and had it removed from future dies. Hancock also employed the lucky number 13 in both the number of leaves and arrows, representing the colonies that had banded together at that time. Why was such effort paid to small details, well, the American Congress was meeting to decide if they should contract out coinage, or have it made at home. This coin was one of Hancock's proposals for contract coinage. As the need for coinage was great at the time, the approximately 2,500 large eagle cents sent to America entered circulation, with just a few held back as mementos. Today, we have the benefits of hindsight, and know that soon a mint was established in Philadelphia by 1793, and contract coinage proposals were scrapped. PCGS, in their population report note that this is the finest "Brown" coin graded, alone in the MS-65 category, and there is only a single coin graded this high as "Red and Brown". The surfaces are pristine, the color and even brown with hazy brown luster beneath. One tiny planchet streak above the second 1 in the date will help to identify this coin, as well as a short lint mark hanging off the top left of the N of PRESIDENT. Thus, we can state that this is certainly one of the finest known examples of this ever popular and beautiful Hancock proposal for contract coinage.
Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

Lovely Gem 1791 Washington Small Eagle Cent



- 25 **1791 Washington Token Cent. Small eagle, Baker-16. PCGS graded MS-66 Brown.** Tied with a total of 4 coins as the finest graded by PCGS for this important issue. The surfaces are simply outstanding, with light to medium brown color throughout, and hints of original red clinging near the devices. Fully struck by the dies, with excellent details on the epaulet and ruffles. These issues were no doubt examined when the time came to strike the first regular issues in Philadelphia, as certain design elements were employed, like the arc of clouds above the eagle, instead of the full circle as seen on the Great Seal. Certain to please the most advanced collector of Washingtonia. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$5,000-6,000



- 26 **1792 Washington Copper Token. Eagle with stars on reverse, Electrotpe of Baker-21. (no grade, host coin about EF).** An impressive electrotpe example of this extremely rare coin. As was the practice in the last two centuries, when a collector could not obtain an original example of a rare coin, a copy might be made from a friends collection or from a willing museum that had an example desired. Such is the case here, this coin is made from a cast of the obverse and reverse of an original out there somewhere, and the two halves are fused together. Rare and seldom offered in any grade, this glossy tan example makes for a nice filler until a real one is offered again.
Estimated Value \$200-250

U. S. Colonial Coins



- 27 (1792) Washington Token Copper Cent. "WASHINGTON BORN VIRGINIA", Baker-60. SEGS graded EF-40 holed, repaired and expertly plugged. * holder. Our grade Sharpness of Extremely Fine, net grade Fine-12. As noted on the SEGS "*" holder, this coin has been holed, plugged at 11 o'clock on the obverse and expertly repaired. Dark patina from slightly rough surfaces that have been carefully smoothed and this work is scarcely detectable. As to the hole, the letters in that area are not as crisp as on the rest of the coin, but this work is very well done and hardly noticeable. This is an example of Breen's second die (B-1239). In the PCGS Population Report we note that only 9 have been graded of this rare coin, 7 in grades of VF or below, and 2 in AU, with none graded in mint state. A rare and seldom offered coin, and one that should be considered by any specialist in the series despite its problems. Estimated Value \$2,000-3,000



- 28 (1792) Washington Token Cent. "WASHINGTON PRESIDENT", plain edge, Baker-59. SEGS graded Fine-15 "*" holder. Light Roughness. A very rare issue that is seldom found at all. PCGS has yet to grade an example of this colonial. While the surfaces are not perfect, with a minor bend along the left side of the obverse and reverse, and surface marks located on the central reverse. Dark brown in color, with an old spot on Washington's coat, and another behind his shoulder. The coin continued to circulate after the surface marks, so the wear is not even on the reverse, with many words only partially legible. Not bad for what it is, and worth a decent bid. Estimated Value \$1,500-2,500

Outstanding 1793 Washington Ship Halfpenny



Enlarged



Enlarged

- 29 1793 Washington Token Halfpenny. Ship reverse, lettered edge, Baker-18. PCGS graded MS-62 Brown. Although the mintage is unknown, we do know that PCGS has graded 105 of these according to their recent Population Report. Of the 105 only 3 have been graded in mint state, one in each grade MS-60, 61 and this coin alone as MS-62. There are none graded higher. Breen speculates that these ship tokens were imported for circulation, and were not made for the collecting public in England, which accounts for their rarity in high grades. This is an early die state, when the overdate is still present under the 3, and the die had not yet clashed and started to rust as seen on a great many examples. Reddish brown in color, and very well preserved. The surfaces show no troubling spots or other signs of contact. Washington is fairly well struck with most of the details on the epaulets and on his curls. The ship too, is outstanding, with full rigging, sails and flags above. If you demand the finest, then here is one that certainly may qualify of this rare Hancock-Washington issue. Color photo. Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

Half Cents



- 30 **1793. Cohen-3, Breen-3, Rarity-3. ANACS graded Sharpness of EF-40 net VF-20, edge damaged-corroded.** Here is a coin that should be inspected as the surfaces show minor porosity and the edge is apparently damaged, although this is barely visible in the holder above OF. Examination will locate minor pitting on both sides and a couple of thin scratches around the fraction on the reverse. Toned a steel brown hue, and a decent coin for the grade, all things considered.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,500



- 31 **1794 Breen-2b, Cohen-2a, Rarity-3. PCGS graded EF-45 and Del Bland graded VF-20.** This was the *Guide Book* plate coin from 1982 through 1987. Further, the surfaces are a delightful combination of light to medium brown, with darker shades highlighting the devices. One tiny red speck below Liberty's chin in the field, and a minor tick below AL of HALF will serve as hallmarks. The reverse has minor porosity around the left side, with a spot of erosion near OF. Intermediate die state, with strong clash marks from the wreath around Liberty's head. Overall, this is a very appealing example of this date, however you grade it, we know it will be cherished by all future collectors.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,500

Ex: 1978 ANA Sale, Bowers and Ruddy Galleries, lot 88, unknown, Jim McGuigan and our Benson sale, 2/01:160.

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1796 Liberty Cap Half Cent. With pole



Enlarged



- 32 **1796. With pole, Cohen-2, Breen-2A, Rarity-4. PCGS graded AU-55.** One of the classic rarities of the half cent series, the 1796 is seldom offered and always expensive. Curiously many of the 1796 specimens known are either high grade, or very low grade, with few in between. Here is one of the nicest, a choice About Uncirculated coin that boasts even brown color and is decently struck. None of the usual copper problems are seen here, no porosity, no raised spots and no problem handling marks. Well struck for the date, although we note minor weakness on the center of Liberty's curls and at HALF CENT on the reverse, which is present although soft on some of the letters. Identifiable by a tiny tick in the field just left of the lowest curl point and a very shallow, minor scratch above the C of AMERICA. It would be hard to imagine a better coin, unless it was full red! A great example of this rarity. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$30,000-40,000

Half Cents

Rare 1796 Liberty Cap Half Cent With pole



- 33 1796. With pole, Breen-2, Cohen-2. High Rarity-4. Del Bland graded VG-7. Slightly sharper but on the lower obverse a large area of fine corrosion is visible, below the cap is a long scratch that blends well into the patina, at the end of the cap is an edge dent, another is on the edge below the right ribbon end and elsewhere on the reverse are a few very small ones. Darkish steel brown and fairly well struck, the only weak areas being LI, part of HALF CENT, and UNI. This is a very acceptable example of a much sought after variety and is more appealing than the description might indicate.

Estimated Value \$7,000-8,500

Ex: Harry C. Nicholson--Stack's 6/67:759--Philip Branson--Paramount International Coin Corp. 2/75:59--M.B. Simons & Associates, Ltd., FPL #128 11/12/75--unknown--Kurt R. Krueger #33 2/82:34--Herman W. Blevins--Superior Galleries 6/88:3894--Chris Victor McCawley (CVM)--Bowers & Merena Gallery FPL's 1989-90--Bowers & Merena 11/90:5--Larry Briggs Rare Coins.



- 34 1800. B-1b, C-1, R-1. MS-60+. The obverse rim shows a long area of porosity extending from LIBERTY down through the date along the right side, and this same area shows porosity on the reverse. We note a few areas where corrosion may have been removed around OF. Medium brown in color and otherwise decent for the grade. Inspection recommended.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,300



- 35 1828. 13 stars, C-3, R-1. MS-60+ Brown. Problem free surfaces and well preserved with abundant brown luster in the fields. No spots or similar problems, just pristine surfaces everywhere you look. Sharply struck and worth a good bid.

Estimated Value \$140-160



- 36 1841 Original. Breen 1-A. Rarity-6. NGC graded Proof 65 Red and Brown. This is the large berries reverse, and a later die state, Breen III with a light die crack through the third through the rim above the seventh star. Faded mint red in color and we note a scattering of minor spots on both sides. Identifiable by a small nick in the field near the nose tip. Rare and seldom offered, these early proof coins tend to be put away in collections for very long periods. NGC has only graded 2 this high, with none higher in any color category, and no red ones equal to this. An important offering as such, as this may be well up in the Condition census for the variety. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

- 37 Lot of certified small denomination coins. This group includes a Half Cent 1851 PCI graded MS-60 Scratched (cleaned too, net VF-30); 1856 Large cent PCI graded EF-40 Cleaned; 1852 Large cent SEGS graded AU-50 Brown, Star holder, "cleaned, retuned dig/star 8"; 1857 Large cent, small date PCI graded EF-45 cleaned; 1851 Large cent ANACS graded AU details, net EF 40, N-20, cleaned; 1901 Indian cent, NGC graded MS-63 RB; 1903 Indian cent NGC graded MS-64 BN; 1865 Two cent piece, NGC graded MS-63 Brown; 1864 Large Motto, Two cent piece PCI graded AU-55 cleaned; 1865 5/5 Two cent piece PCI graded AU-50; 1852 Three cent silver PCI graded EF-45 cleaned; 1859 Type III, Three cent piece PCI graded AU-55 cleaned and 1868 Three cent piece PCI graded AU-55 cleaned. A lot of problems here, so inspection recommended. Lot of 13 coins.

Estimated Value \$300-400

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Large Cents

Billy Sunday Special 1793 AMERI Cent



- 38 1793. Chain reverse, "AMERI." in legend, Sheldon-1, Breen-1. Del Bland graded Sharpness of EF-45 but burnished. In the distant past, this cent had the sharpness of around Extremely Fine but the hair has been finely tooled and the surfaces have been scraped and heavily burnished, probably by William "Billy" Sunday, a famous coin doctor. At arms length this looks like a beautiful, lustrous darkish steel brown coin and was once labeled "AU-50, 2nd Finest".
Estimated Value \$9,000-11,000

*Ex: Edward A. Gilroy--Ed Milas
(Gold Stella Coin Co.) 8/71.*

1793 Chain Reverse "AMERI." Cent



- 39 1793. Chain reverse, "AMERI." in legend, Sheldon-1, Breen-1, Low Rarity-4. Del Bland graded Sharpness of EF-40 but tooled and burnished. Like the similar example in this sale, this cent had the sharpness of around Extremely Fine and also it has finely tooled hair and has been burnished although less severely. Remnants of light raised corrosion are visible around the peripheral areas and around the devices in the central reverse. Darkish steel brown and quite nice in appearance.
Estimated Value \$9,000-11,000

*Ex: 1982 ANA (Steve Ivy Numismatic Auctions):37--
unknown--Bowers and Merena 9/90:6.*



- 40 1793. Chain reverse, "AMERICA" in legend, Sheldon-1, Breen-1, Low Rarity-4. Del Bland graded VG-7. Somewhat sharper but from the left obverse edge and curving down through the lower curls is a shallow mark and over MER, over TE in STATES and left of O in OF are edge dents. Pleasant medium steel brown with light tan on many high points. One of the most popular varieties in the entire large cent series and in huge demand.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,500

From the Norweb Collection



- 41 1793. Chain reverse, "AMERICA" in legend, Sheldon-3, Breen-4, Low Rarity-3. Del Bland graded Sharpness of EF-45 but finely tooled. Like the other two repaired Chain cents in this sale, this one has the sharpness of around Extremely Fine but the hair has been finely tooled and the surfaces have been burnished with great skill again probably by William "Billy" Sunday. Except for a scratch through the left side of N in CENT, no defects are visible on this lovely appearing coin which at first glance seems nice enough to be in the Condition Census. Some collectors eschew this kind of "improvement" of a coin, others favor it highly as apparently our consignor did.
Estimated Value \$7,000-9,000

*Ex: Richard Picker 12/10/54--Mrs. R. Henry Norweb--
Bowers & Merena 11/84:2687.*

Large Cents

From the DuPont Collection



- 42 1793. Chain reverse, "AMERICA" in legend, Sheldon-3, Breen-4, Low Rarity-3. Del Bland graded Sharpness of VF-35 but net VF-25. Small planchet defects on both sides but mostly on the reverse and a shallow circular depression in the right obverse field, a condition of manufacture. Cleaned and retuned to a medium dark steel blue color with orange around some devices and light brown on a few high points. Well struck, nicely centered with heavy obverse clash marks and no post-striking defects.
Estimated Value \$7,000-9,000

*Ex: Charles J. DuPont--Stack's 9/54:4--unknown--
Stack's 9/99:494.*



- 43 1793. Chain reverse, "AMERICA" in legend, Sheldon-3, Breen-4, Low Rarity-3. Del Bland graded Fine-15. Several very small planchet defects on the reverse. Five points sharper but on the obverse are a couple long, hairlines scratches, on the reverse are some longer heavier ones and over T in UNITED is a light edge dent. Medium steel brown, the obverse displaying a slight wood-grain effect. A very acceptable example of this popular variety.
Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

*Ex: an S. H. Chapman F.P.L., lot 11--unknown--
Stack's 5/90:98 as "EF-40".*



- 44 1793. Wreath reverse, vine and bars edge, Sheldon-8, Breen-13, Low Rarity-3. Del Bland graded VF-35. Two line-like planchet defects right of the second A of AMERICA and one on the top of the left ribbon. Five points sharper but cleaned and very nicely retuned to a medium steel brown color. Marred only by a tiny edge nick left of L, a light edge dent over I in AMERICA and a thin scratch below NT of CENT. Well struck and centered with the beading on both sides very sharp.
Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

*Ex: Charles J. DuPont--Stack's 9/54:12--unknown--
Stack's 9/99:496.*



- 45 1793. Wreath reverse, vine and bars edge, Sheldon-9, Breen-12, Rarity-2. Del Bland graded VF-25. Better than VF-30 in sharpness but on the obverse are three light edge dents, another exists over O in OF, on the lower face and upper neck evidence of minor smoothing can be seen and in the field opposite the chin are a few microscopic scratches. Cleaned and very nicely retuned to a medium dark steel brown on the obverse and to a medium steel brown on the reverse, the surfaces smooth and exceptionally nice. Perfect dies.
Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

*Ex: Richard Picker 12/15/54--Mrs. R. Henry Norweb--
Bowers and Merena 11/88:2692.*



- 46 1799. 9 over 8, Sheldon-188, Breen-2, Low Rarity-4. Del Bland graded VG-8. Sharpness of VF-30 but across the central obverse are several very long and noticeable scratches and the surfaces exhibit light roughness, some of which has been faintly burnished off. Exceptionally sharp and well centered with the date and LIBERTY unusually strong. Somewhat glossy dark olive and not really unattractive despite the problems.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

*Ex: 1955 ANA (Beebe's):17--Dr. Charles L. Ruby 12/72--
Superior Stamp & Coin Co.--Superior Galleries 2/74:531--
Allen F. Lovejoy--Stack's 10/82:632--Gilbert Steinberg--
Superior Stamp & Coin Co., 9/96:1634.*

Large Cents



47 1803, Sheldon-251, Breen-8, Rarity-2. Del Bland graded EF-45. A low area through part of the right wreath and part of the denominator. Sharper by five points but cleaned and nicely retoned to a glossy darkish steel brown with traces of a reddish color round some of the devices.

Estimated Value \$600-700

Ex: Charles J. DuPont--Stack's 9/54:432--C. Douglas Smith--EllenENZler--Numismatic and Antiquarian Service Corporation of America 12/78:2644--EllenENZler--Downie-Lepczyk Auctions, Ltd., #69, 8/86:1399--EllenENZler--Superior Galleries 1/90:462--EllenENZler Herring--Superior Stamp & Coin 9/99:437.



48 1820 N-13, R-1. MS-65 Brown. A Randall hoard example that boasts faded mint color which has turned to a lovely light brown color. A few trivial dark areas in the toning, but they are not raised or distracting. Set aside decades ago by a collector for its far above average surfaces and eye appeal, which it retains today. Well struck and downright splendid.

Estimated Value \$500-750



49 1821 Newcomb-2, Rarity-1. PCGS graded MS-63 Brown. Medium to dark brown on the obverse, lighter brown on the reverse with some darker highlights near the periphery. Boldly struck with full curls on Liberty and sharp stars surrounding. One old speck near the right foot of the F in OF should help trace this one. Excellent surfaces that show only faint signs of contact, and none of the usual heavy marks too often seen. A scarce date that is always in demand.

Estimated Value \$7,000-9,000



50 1822. Newcomb-5, Rarity-3. MS-60+. Dark mahogany brown in color and very desirable as such. Minor hairlines from a cleaning, and with scattered ticks from handling. Sharply struck from lightly rusted dies, with several tiny lumps on Liberty. Perfect for the date or variety collector.

Estimated Value \$600-700

Ex: Newcomb collection according to our consignor.



51 1852. PCGS graded MS-65 Red. Slightly faded mint red on both sides and a few minor specks too. Well struck by the dies, and in remarkably good condition considering that most of these are darkly toned, even if in the same technical grade. The 5 is recut low on the flag.

Estimated Value \$1,900-2,100



52 1852. Newcomb-11. NGC graded MS-65 Brown. Medium to light brown in color with ample luster and loads of mint freshness. We note there are hints of original red adhering near the devices. Well struck and appealing.

Estimated Value \$400-500

53 Group of Large Cents. Lot of 7 large cents: 1844, 1845, 1846, 1851, 1855 Upright 5's, 1856 (2). A better quality grouping free of problem coins. Coins range from **Very Fine** to **About Uncirculated**.

Estimated Value \$100-150

Small Cents

Flying Eagle Cents

Choice Proof 1856 Flying Eagle Cent



Enlarged



- 54 **1856 Snow-2. Proof 64+.** This is the Snow-2 variety with the projection down from the center of U in UNITED and high leaves around CENT, and a center dot on the left top serif of the N of that same word. Boldly struck, with sharp details on all the devices, including the feathertips and wings of the eagle, and the wreath details on the reverse. No trace is seen of the recut 5, and we note a short lint mark above the eagle's eye and the wing above in the field. We note light golden toning on the reverse, the obverse brighter. A rare coin that has gotten a lot more expensive over the years now that the Beck hoard has been distributed. An important offering for the specialist.
Estimated Value \$12,500-15,000



- 55 **1857. PCGS graded MS-64.** Well struck with all of the eagle's feathers fully defined. Lightly toned with a faint tone spot on the 8 of the date.
Estimated Value \$700-800



- 56 **1857. MS-64.** Strong luster and nice color throughout, with mellow gold hues mixed with coppery mint glow. Better than average strike, with most of the tail feathers present on the eagle.
Estimated Value \$500-750
- 57 **1857. NGC graded MS-63.** Colorful toning noted in the obverse fields, and well struck and preserved throughout. Good for the type or date collector who wants a decent example in the choice category.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 58 **1858. Small Letters. MS-60+.** A few field marks and ticks from handling, but still a nice coin for the grade. Sharply struck by the dies. We note a small die crack from the rim to the eagle's beak and near his eye. One old spot in the wreath, below the C of CENT.
Estimated Value \$250-350

Indian Head Cents



- 59 **1859. Pattern small cent. Judd 228. P-272, R-1, copper-nickel, plain edge. NGC graded MS-65.** One of the more common pattern issues. We note full devices on both sides and good mint color too. This is the style that was adopted in 1860, with the shield at the top of the wreath. A beauty in this gem grade.
Estimated Value \$700-900



- 60 **1859. NGC graded MS-65.** A one year type coin that is hard to find this nice. Brilliant original luster throughout, with one small speck on the feather just below the Y of LIBERTY, and another at the top of the obverse hidden in the dentils. The 185 are all recut (Snow-2) and the reverse is cracked from 5:30 to 3:00 as seen on the later die state.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500
- 61 **1859. PCGS graded MS-64.** A well struck example, nice and lustrous with no discernible marks. Some light fly specks scattered about, none of which are noticeable without the aid of magnification. A choice example of this one year type.
Estimated Value \$550-650

Small Cents



- 62 1862. NGC graded MS-65.** Bright luster throughout, with just a hint of toning starting to form. Well struck by the dies and quite well preserved, with no distracting marks worthy of note. Estimated Value \$300-400
- 63 1862. PCGS graded MS-64.** Bright in color, but we note a minor tick on Liberty's chin, and traces of a fingerprint on the reverse. Estimated Value \$175-225
- 64 1863. MS-64.** Bright and lustrous, with clean surfaces save for a small nick on Liberty's chin. One for the date collector. Estimated Value \$150-200
- 65 1865 Fancy 5. PCGS graded MS-63 Red and Brown.** This appears to be Snow-3, with repunching on all digits. Great color for the grade, slightly faded on Liberty, but still very bright, and mostly red on the reverse too, with one tiny spot at the top of the wreath. Estimated Value \$100-125



- 66 1869. PCGS graded MS-64 Red and Brown.** This coin is really nice for the moderate grade assigned by PCGS, the surfaces show few signs of contact, even with a strong glass. The obverse is mostly red, while the reverse has mellowed quite a bit, with the rims still bright. A tough coin to find in this grade. Estimated Value \$500-600



- 67 1873. Open 3. MS-64 Red.** Slightly faded mint color at the top of Liberty's feather headdress. Nice color otherwise and well preserved. Estimated Value \$400-500
- 68 1874. PCGS graded Proof 65 Brown.** Mostly brown with some blue on the obverse at the center, and reddish highlights on the reverse are noted. A very pretty coin indeed. Wonderful color for the toned specialist. Estimated Value \$400-500



- 69 1875. NGC graded Proof 65 Red.** This one has great mint color with just a hint of wood grain toning starting to form. Boldly struck and quite nice overall, with few signs of handling. We note gorgeous color within the wreath which amplifies the three dimensional effect. Further, the NGC Population Report shows only 6 graded this high, with none graded higher in Red, and one single coin tied as Deep Cameo in PF-65 too. If you are doing a gem set, then this is a coin you simply can't upgrade. Expect a well deserved high bid necessary to win this lot. Estimated Value \$5,000-6,500

Rare Proof 1877 Indian



- 70 1877. PCGS graded Proof 64 Red and Brown.** Excellent red color on both sides and this one must have just missed the full red classification as the color is slightly mellowed. Close examination will locate a couple of faint ticks in the fields and on the devices, but none warrant attention. The key date to the Indian cent series and many collectors buy a proof to represent this date for their sets. A nice one indeed, if you want a fairly red example that shows just a trace of mellowing. Color photo. Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

Near Gem 1877 Indian Head Cent



- 71 1877. PCGS graded MS-64 Red and Brown.** The key date to this popular series and here's a nice one. Clean surfaces for the grade, and struck from lightly clashed dies on the reverse. One tiny speck on the T of UNITED, but nice reddish brown color with slight wood grain patterns starting to form. Color photo. Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

Small Cents

- 72 **1879. NGC graded Proof 66 Red and Brown. Genaitis.** Mostly red in color with just a bit too much fading. Excellent surfaces and strike.
Estimated Value \$700-800

From the Genaitis collection.



- 73 **1879. PCGS graded Proof 65 Red.** Slightly faded mint red color but very clean surfaces on this one. All proof Indians are scarce in full red grades, and this date is certainly no exception.
Estimated Value \$750-850

- 74 **1879. NGC graded MS-64 Red and Brown.** Virtually full red in color, but we note a small toned area on the C of CENT. Well struck and well preserved since the time of issue.
Estimated Value \$125-150



- 75 **1880. PCGS graded Proof 66 Red.** Here is an excellent coin to represent the date for the specialist. Superb surfaces and ample mint color on both sides, with none of the usual problems that plague these copper coins. PCGS in their Population Report show 19 graded this high, with 10 graded higher, all PR-67 Red. In summary, this is one of the best around from the original mintage.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,200

- 76 **1880. PCGS graded Proof 64 Red and Brown.** Golden red on the obverse, the reverse is toned with lovely lavender colors that just simply glow.
Estimated Value \$175-200

- 77 **1880. PCGS graded Proof 64 Red and Brown.** Faded mint color and great surfaces for the grade.
Estimated Value \$175-200



- 78 **1881. NGC graded Proof 66 Red.** Flashy and vibrant red in color with well preserved surfaces. These gems are getting harder and harder to locate as so many people demand this kind of quality for their date sets. If you want a really clean example that glows, here it is.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000



- 79 **1882. PCGS graded MS-65 Red.** Scarcer than some dates in this gem grade, this one has lovely red and yellow luster, with clean surfaces. The date is recut.
Estimated Value \$500-600

- 80 **1882. MS-64 Red.** Rosy red in color and struck from worn dies.
Estimated Value \$100-125

- 81 **1883. NGC graded Proof 65 Brown.** Hints of lavender and mostly a lovely chocolate brown color, with hints of red near the lettering.
Estimated Value \$190-210

- 82 **1883. NGC graded MS-65 Red and Brown.** Faded mint red on both the obverse and reverse, and struck by worn dies.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 83 **1884. Proof 63 Red and Brown.** Frosty on the devices and well struck, with a light streak on Liberty's neck. This one is just starting to tone.
Estimated Value \$100-125



- 84 **1884. PCGS graded MS-65 Red.** A brilliant red gem that boasts clean surfaces and no annoying ticks. The obverse die has a couple of minor cracks through the legends. PCGS notes only 30 graded this high, with 14 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400

- 85 **1884. MS-63 Red.** Bright red in color with faint traces of a fingerprint on the reverse, and a couple of tiny green specks near the top of the reverse.
Estimated Value \$90-110



- 86 **1885. PCGS graded Proof 66 Red.** One of the very finest graded of this proof issue. PCGS reports just 8 graded this high, with a scant 3 graded higher. Luscious golden yellow hues glow from the surfaces. As nice as any we've seen of this date.
Estimated Value \$2,800-3,200

Small Cents



- 87 1886. Type II. NGC graded Proof 65 Red and Brown.** A scarce coin in this gem grade. Note that the obverse is bright, with a trace of toning and minute specks, and some color settling in above the date, the reverse has a small faded area on the upper right. The type II variety is much rarer than the type I in Proof, so make sure to bid accordingly.
Estimated Value \$500-600
- 88 1886. Type II. Proof 64 Red and Brown.** Faded mint red and starting to tone a bit. Boldly struck, as expected for a proof. A few scattered hairlines and ticks, just keeping this from the gem class.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 89 1889. PCGS graded Proof 64 Brown.** Bluish green and brown hues dance when examined under a light, and this is no ordinary "brown" coin. Clean surfaces for the moderate grade. Rarely are these found with a dazzling array of colors.
Estimated Value \$125-150
- 90 1889. PCGS graded Proof 64 Brown.** Toned with delicious shades of lavender and mauve, with one tiny spot on RT of LIBERTY.
Estimated Value \$125-150



- 91 1890. PCGS graded Proof 65 Red.** Especially bright on the devices, with vibrant mint red on both sides. We note two tiny traces of carbon, one at the bust tip, the other on the lower left of the O in ONE. Much scarcer than commonly realized, the PCGS Population Report shows a scant 17 graded this high, with just 2 higher. Grab it while you can.
Estimated Value \$800-1,200
This coin is from our sale of the Heathgate Collection, February 2001, lot, 1135, and includes the Eagle Eye Photo Seal.
- 92 1890. PCGS graded MS-64 Red.** Excellent color and luster, but there are some very faint scrapes on the upper devices on the obverse accounting for the grade. A lot of eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 93 1890 and 1897. Both grade MS-64 Red.** We note that each is well struck by the dies, totally red, and without any spots or problems of any kind. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 94 1892. PCGS graded Proof 65 Red.** Another stunning example from the famous Heathgate Collection which we sold a year ago. We note this grade has 44 noted in the PCGS Population Report, with a mere 12 higher.
Estimated Value \$750-850
This coin is from our Benson/Heathgate collection sale, February 2001, lot 1138, and includes a Photo Seal.



- 95 1892. PCGS graded MS-65 Red.** Glowing red in color and well struck by the dies. Free of distracting marks.
Estimated Value \$350-450
- 96 1892 and 1894. Both grade Proof 60+, Red and Brown.** A nice pair for the collector. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 97 1896. MS-65 Red.** Nice surfaces and only a few hints of mellowing in the red color.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 98 1899. PCGS graded Proof 65 Red and Brown.** Slightly faded mint color and with very clean surfaces. One small mint made pit left of the O in OF.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 99 1899. PCGS graded Proof 64 Red and Brown.** Here is a toned coin for the color buff, the obverse has a neat greenish rose color especially through the feathers, while the reverse is more faded brown with some gold, and traces of tiny specks.
Estimated Value \$200-250



- 100 1899. NGC graded MS-66 Red.** A golden glow of luster fading to brilliant red around the reverse rim. Superb surfaces throughout.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 101 1902. ANACS graded MS-64 Red.** Flashy and bright, with just a few traces of handling on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$60-90
- 102 1906. PCGS graded MS-65 Red.** This one is housed in an old small style PCGS holder. Great color and surfaces on both sides.
Estimated Value \$200-225
- 103 1907. PCGS graded MS-65 Red, Benson.** Great color and surfaces for this date. Hints of greenish blue tucked in the feathers.
Estimated Value \$200-225
From our Benson I Collection sale, February, 2000, lot 1328 and purchased from the Howard Newcomb collection via James Macallister.
- 104 1908-S. MS-63 Red and Brown.** Some scattering of light to moderate fly-specks is noted on both sides. A nice original example.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 105 1909. PCGS graded Proof 64 Red. Premium Quality.** The final year of issue. Faded mint color on the obverse and reverse, with problem free surfaces. An impressive example.
Estimated Value \$350-400

Small Cents



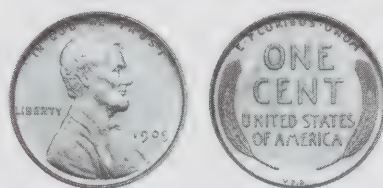
- 106 1909-S. PCGS graded MS-64 Red.** A well struck frosty mint beauty exhibiting natural sandalwood mint color. A popular key date that is always in demand.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

Lincoln Cents

Superb Gem Proof 1909 VDB Lincoln Cent



Enlarged



- 107 1909. VDB. PCGS graded Proof 66 Red.** One of the scarcest proof type coins issued in the 20th Century by the Philadelphia Mint. Total coined: 420. In full red, this coin is much rarer than one would expect. To find not only a full red example, but a high end gem PR-66 is remarkable. PCGS in their Population Report show a total of 9 graded this high, with 2 graded higher! The designers initials VDB for Victor David Brenner were placed prominently on the bottom of the reverse. After a small initial production run, the initials were removed by a jealous Barber, the chief engraver of the Mint, and because of public outcry. Hence, the Philadelphia Mint created a very important one year type coin, and these have been sought after ever since. To own an important gem example like this will certainly be a crowning glory for the specialist. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$15,000-17,500

- 108 1909. VDB. MS-65 Red and 1959 is Proof 65 Red.** Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$50-60
- 109 1909-S and 1933-D. Both grade MS-63, Red and Brown.** Nice color and surfaces on each. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$125-150

- 110 1910-S. PCGS graded MS-64 Red.** Boldly struck on both sides and well preserved. A couple of trivial field ticks from gem.
Estimated Value \$100-150

- 111 1912-S. PCGS graded MS-64 Red and Brown.** Sharply struck by the dies and both sides have faded mint red going towards brown. Scarce this nice.
Estimated Value \$200-225



- 112 1914-D. MS-63 Red and Brown.** A choice uncirculated example of this key date Lincoln.
Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600



- 113 1919-S. MS-64 Red.** Mellow original red in color and with a typical "S" Mint strike, a touch weak on the high points. A scarce date that is hard to find this nice.
Estimated Value \$500-600

- 114 1922-D. NGC graded MS-63 Red and Brown.** Golden luster and ample mint red remaining on this rare date. Struck from clashed and worn dies, as are most. We note one tiny dark spot at the base of the first T of TRUST, and reddish peripheral toning starting to form.
Estimated Value \$70-90

- 115 1927. MS-66 Red.** Gorgeous red color and excellent surfaces, but dark on the rims from album storage.
Estimated Value \$100-125

- 116 1931 PDS Set. Each grades MS-64 or better.** The "S" mint has a touch of red coloring in the right obverse field. All are well struck and bright. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$250-300

- 117 1936-D (10 pieces). Each is PCGS graded MS-66 Red.** An investors lot of this scarce date in really nice high end gem condition, further, each coin is fully red. Lot of 10 coins.
Estimated Value \$250-300

- 118 1937-D. NGC graded MS-67 Red.** Bright red although we note a couple of tiny steel flecks breaking the red color on both sides. A high end gem for the specialist.
Estimated Value \$75-100

- 119 1941-S (20 pieces). Each is PCGS graded MS-66 Red.** An investors lot of these, each is bright red and mint fresh. Lot of 20 coins.
Estimated Value \$400-500

Small Cents and Two Cent Piece



- 120 1943-D. PCGS graded MS-68.** Fabulous surfaces and quality, enough to be one of the very finest graded of this date. PCGS notes 65 have been graded this high, with none graded higher. Faint hazy toning starting to form, but it does not diminish the glow or luster.
Estimated Value \$600-700
- 121 1943-D (20 pieces). Each is PCGS graded MS-67.** A group of this scarce one year type coin in very high grade. Each is fresh and free of the usual rust or similar problems that plague these zinc cents. Lot of 20 coins.
Estimated Value \$700-800
- 122 1943-D (20 pieces). Each is PCGS graded MS-66.** An investors lot of this important one year type coin, all are well matched and look like they were struck yesterday. Lot of 20 coins.
Estimated Value \$400-450



- 123 1943-S. PCGS graded MS-68.** One of the finest graded of this important date, just 37 have been awarded this monumental grade by PCGS, with none graded higher! Free of the usual problems that nearly always mar this curious issue.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000



- 124 1944 off-center cent. AU-55.** This coin was struck about 30 percent off-center towards 10 o'clock on the obverse. The obverse has several dull scrapes around LIBERTY and one continues over Lincoln's coat. Nice color and surfaces otherwise.
Estimated Value \$20-30
Purchased by Dr. Benson on April 27, 1945 from Ira S. Reed for 50¢.
- 125 1950. PCGS graded Proof 66 Red. Premium Quality.** Scarce this nice, PCGS notes 173 graded as such, with just 24 graded higher (all PR-67). Full undiminished red on the obverse, the reverse with a tiny speck right of the E in ONE, and a microscopic drop of something on the T of CENT. Outstanding quality, and one for the specialist.
Estimated Value \$50-75
- 126 1950-D and 1951-D Lincoln Cent Errors. Each grades MS-60.** Each 40% to 50% off-centered.
Estimated Value \$100-125

- 127 A slabbed Lincoln cent bonanza.** These range from 1935-D to 2000, all are slabbed by PCGS, NGC, PCI, ANACS or ICG, most are MS-66 Red to MS-67 Red. This group includes a few minor varieties, and of course should be carefully examined. The proofs grade from PF-65 to PF-69. A total of 88 coins are included.
Estimated Value \$1,500-UP
- 128 A group of slabbed common date Lincoln cents.** There are 11 coins included, ranging from 1909 to 1930-S. Grades range from EF to MS-66 Red. A few have problems, but most are nice. Lot of 11 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 129 A choice group of Lincoln Cents.** This lot consists of 53 pieces as follows: 1909 VDB (7), 1910 (7), 1916 (5), 1917 (4), 1918 (6), 1919, 1920, 1921 (3), 1923 (2), 1914 (3), 1925 (3), 1926 (3), 1927 (7), 1928. A nice original group grading Mint State 60 to 65.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

Two Cent Piece

- 130 1871. NGC graded Proof 65 Brown.** A pleasing dark chocolate brown proof with some reddish highlights. Less than a 1000 proofs were struck.
Estimated Value \$525-625



Silver Three Cent Pieces



Enlarged

- 131 1851. PCGS graded MS-64.** A pretty example of this first year of issue, the obverse is mostly silvery-gray with flecks of gold around the periphery and iridescent colors mixed in too. Similar on the reverse, with less color and nice, satiny luster. Struck from clashed dies, as are most, and with strong stars on the reverse and just a bit of weakness at the centers.

Here we begin the Dr. Benson Collection of Three Cent Silvers. The majority of the coins from his date set were purchased on August 30, 1944 from J. H. Nunn, and east coast coin dealer. We note the date of August 30, 1944 as the last time the coins from this set traded hands.

How did this curious denomination come about? Well, it all started because the Post Office was *lowering* the prepaid rate for a letter to 3¢ from 5¢. Further complications were unfolding in the wildly fluctuating price of gold and silver due to the massive gold inflows from the California creeks and hillsides. The natural effect of all this gold was that its price went down relative to silver, hence silver coins actually were worth more than their face value. People naturally figured this out, and soon all silver coins were hoarded from circulation or melted and sold. Can you imagine the frustration? As soon as the mints would produce silver coins, they would disappear, off to be melted. Naturally, few people gave silver to the mints for coinage, and what little was produced was either hoarded or bought by bullion dealers and melted and sold to the Caribbean Islands or Europe for a sizable profit.

Commerce adjusted, as is always does, by using a variety of substitutes for small change. During the early 1850s, a citizen would typically encounter a mix of United States gold coins, Mexican silver, large cents and half cents and "Shinplasters" (which were private or state bank notes and merchant's private scrip of all kinds). The large cents and half cents were extremely unpopular, and if a person went to purchase a 5¢ cigar with a Mexican silver dollar (let alone a gold dollar) being offered 95 large cents as change would have been risking a fight! (Breen's Encyclopedia). Merchants demanded a solution. The Shinplasters were not always backed by their issuer, and soon became filthy rags after limited circulation. The Mexican silver usually had to be weighed by merchants (to make sure of its value) and this slowed even the simplest of transactions from penny candies to whiskey shots. Like the Shinplasters, the large copper cents and half cents soon became dirty and were frowned upon when offered as change.

A solution to the crisis was offered by Senator Dickinson, who drafted a bill proposing a 3¢ coin made of 75% silver and 25% copper, which had a melt value then well below its 3¢ face value, which would hopefully eliminate hoarding and make smelting and exporting unprofitable. His bill passed on March 3, 1851, to be effective June 30 of that year. Mint Director Robert Patterson chose the simple design by Longacre, as the low relief would extend die life and require less pressure in coining to strike up the design elements.

Large numbers were minted, and they circulated widely, replacing some of the smaller Mexican silver coins and were preferable to Shinplasters or the bulky copper coins of the day. The little silver coins soon became known as "fish scales" for their size and silver reflectivity.

By 1853 Congress acted to reduce the silver content in coins from half dimes to half dollars (silver dollars were left out of this adjustment for sentimental reasons) to get the silver value below the face value, and thus allow small silver coins circulate

again. Congress also adjusted the silver content of the little 3¢ coin, raising it to 90% in line with other silver coins of the era, and this no doubt eased smelting and refining operations at the mints. To note the change in silver content, Longacre proposed outlining the existing obverse star with two extra outer lines, and placing a small sprig above the denomination and a cluster of arrows below on the reverse, which took place at the beginning of 1854.

Additional changes were made in 1859 to improve striking quality, and make the lettering more narrow and further apart, under the influence of Anthony C. Paquet.

Naturally, as the 3¢ coin was widely accepted and recognized, a large number of counterfeits surfaced during the Civil War, most of these dated from 1859 to 1862, with 1861 most commonly encountered. These counterfeits were made from a pale gray metal which resembles German Silver (tin, zinc, nickel and copper) and were generally crude in their execution, but apparently good enough to pass easily. This is another fascinating chapter for the advanced numismatist to study.

Hence, these little silver coins played a major role in the 1851 economy, and remain popular today with collectors desiring top quality pieces for their sets.

Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Dr. Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for \$1.50.



Enlarged

- 132 1851. PCGS graded MS-64.** This coin boasts mottled light yellow toning with darker areas around the periphery of both sides. Vibrant luster beneath, and well struck on the devices.

Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 133 1851-O. PCGS graded MS-63.** This is the only branch mint issue of this denomination. 720,000 were coined, and most circulated widely. This one is still very choice, with splendid iridescent toning around the periphery with gold shades predominating. We note two tiny marks on the reverse, one hidden on the star at 10 o'clock, and another near the top (which may be a small planchet flake). As to why this coin doesn't grade higher, we can't figure it out. Take a look for yourself.

Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.

Silver Three Cent Pieces



Enlarged

- 134 1852. PCGS graded MS-64.** A simply delightful example of this date, fresh luster and light toning on both sides, and very well preserved. Few signs of handling visible, even with a 10X loupe.

Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.

- 135 1852. PCGS graded MS-62.** Dappled toning over lustrous surfaces. We note some minor handling marks visible with a glass.

Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for 50¢.



Enlarged

- 136 1853. PCGS graded MS-63.** Rich gold and green toning on the obverse, more satiny gray on the reverse. Well struck by the dies, and nicely preserved for the moderate grade. If all MS-63 coins looked like this, well, see what you think.

Estimated Value \$170-200

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.

- 137 1853. MS-60.** Cleaned, yet still lustrous and silvery gray in color, with a breath of toning on the reverse.

Estimated Value \$100-120

- 138 1854. PCGS graded AU-55.** This one was lightly circulated, and is now wonderfully toned with colorful rings around the obverse, more gray on the reverse.

Estimated Value \$160-190

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.

Gem Proof 1855 Three Cent Silver



Enlarged

- 139 1855. NGC graded Proof 65.** While long trumpeted as a great rarity, more recent studies seem to show around 20 known of this date, of perhaps 50 struck. Proof issues were irregular and not always recorded as such in the pre-1858 days at the Philadelphia Mint. Hence, we can only estimate given the number that have been recorded at auction, and now with the acceptance of third party grading and the population reports. On this particular example, we see well mirrored fields and fully struck devices, with the typical characteristics of an early proof. The stars are sharper than usual, and the devices nicely frosted by the preparation of the dies. One lint mark is noted through the E of UNITED. This particular coin is brilliant, without a touch of toning, just a bit of haze to note the passage of nearly a century and a half. The NGC Population Report shows 4 graded this high, with 6 graded higher, and at PCGS theirs shows 3 graded this high with 2 higher. Always popular with collectors and in strong demand by people forming date sets and type buyers, as few Type II coins are available in gem proof grades.

Estimated Value \$9,000-11,000



Enlarged

- 140 1855. NGC graded AU-58.** Magnificent old time toning which ranges through the rainbow of colors. A touch of wear. Obviously from an old collection.

Estimated Value \$125-175

- 141 1855. PCGS graded VF-35.** Nice surfaces and color for the grade.

Estimated Value \$60-80

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.

- 142 1856. PCGS graded AU-58.** Delightful, and very colorful, toning on both sides.

Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.

Silver Three Cent Pieces



Enlarged

- 143 1857. PCGS graded MS-63.** Vibrant rings of color on both sides, from 56 years of storage in National Pages albums. Clean surfaces for the grade assigned. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$500-600

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 144 1858. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A stunning gem that is bluish steel gray in color on the obverse, with pinkish rose hues on the reverse. Note the streaks on the planchet, this is from the rolling mill at that Mint or perhaps the dies were not polished up properly, either way, the lines on the obverse are from the Mint and are obviously not some post minting detriment. PCGS has graded only 15 this high, with 5 graded higher of this date. PCGS further guesses that the mintage was approximately 100 coins in Proof, most of which are in much lower grades. If you demand a gem, then check this one out.
Estimated Value \$5,000-6,000

Purchased by Dr. Benson on March 30, 1946 from Ira S. Reed for \$7.75.



Enlarged

- 145 1858. PCGS graded MS-64.** Well struck and frosty with light toning adhering to the periphery on both sides. A choice example for the type 2 design.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,200



Enlarged

- 146 1859. PCGS graded Proof 63.** This is certainly one of the prettiest Proof-63 coins you will likely find. The colors range through deep blue at the periphery to vibrant gold at the centers, the reverse has less toning but is also beautiful. We do note minor hairlines in the fields and trivial handling marks which account for the grade. Don't skip over this because of its moderate grade! An opportunity. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 147 1860. PCGS graded AU-58.** Awash in deep blue and russet toning on both sides, with minor handling marks visible with a glass. Certainly the nicest AU-58 you are likely to find, perhaps worth a touch more? When the auction hammer falls, the value will be known.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 148 1861. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Gunmetal gray on the obverse, with frosty devices and crisp lettering. On the reverse, the centers are snowy white, while the periphery is a dark gray-blue shade. Faint signs of handling, visible with a glass.
Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.

Silver Three Cent Pieces



Enlarged

- 149 1862. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Deep bluish-black with hints of dark red toning on the obverse, brighter on the reverse, with peripheral toning only.

Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 150 1862. PCGS graded MS-66.** An exceptional grade for this date, PCGS reports just 73 graded this high, with 7 graded a notch higher. Deep blue and gold toning on both sides and highly appealing. The central strike shows typical weakness.

Estimated Value \$900-1,000



Enlarged

- 151 1863. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Dark blue to black on the obverse, brighter on the reverse. Minor hairlines and trouble free overall.

Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 152 1864. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Deep slate gray in color with hints of rose at the centers, and problem free. Minor hairlines from a higher grade.

Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 153 1865. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Deep blue to black in color, the reverse has lighter red shades at the center. We note some lint marks in the fields on the obverse, as struck. Clean surfaces for the grade.

Estimated Value \$550-650

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 154 1866. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Deep gray shades in the fields, lighter on the devices which retain the thick frost from the dies. The reverse has a hint of rose at the center, but is surrounded by the deep gray shades from the National Coin Album which stored this coin and others from the Benson Collection for over 56 years.

Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 155 1867. NGC graded Proof 65.** Deep red and gold on both sides, with some blue at the rims. Superb surfaces, and well preserved. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250

Silver Three Cent Pieces



Enlarged

- 156 1867. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Deep bluish-gray in color, with lighter rose shades at the centers. One tiny speck removed in the lower left obverse field, and minor hairlines are all that otherwise disturbs the surfaces. Truly a nice coin for the grade.

Estimated Value \$500-600

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.

- 157 1868. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Deep gray toning, and matching the other Proofs from the Benson Collection. This one has a few trivial scuffs in the fields, and generally exhibits more handling marks than the other coins in this date set, but it is still very nice, nevertheless. Only 600 proofs struck.

Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 158 1869. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A gem from the Benson Collection, and one can see why, the surfaces are pristine and fields are especially watery in appearance. Deep bluish-gray in color, with central rose hues and minimal hairlines. A knock-out coin for the grade.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 159 1870. NGC graded Proof 63.** Mottled blue and gold toning.

Estimated Value \$250-350

- 160 1870. PCGS graded AU-58.** Nicely toned, but the surfaces show moderate circulation marks.

Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 161 1871. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Coins don't get much prettier than this, deep blue around the periphery with fiery red at the centers, lighter on the reverse with deep colors at the edge. Clean surfaces for the grade, with the usual tiny handling marks in the fields. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

- 162 1871. NGC graded MS-66.** One for the gem toned coin collector, the obverse is a deep russet with blue at the edges, while the reverse is even more colorful with seductive midnight blues in the fields and three dimensional devices which are satiny gray against their ocean blue backdrop. Superb surfaces and obviously from an old time collection where it was tenderly cared for throughout its life.

Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600



Enlarged

- 163 1872. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Bright white in color, with good contrast between the mirror fields and frosted devices. A couple of lint marks, one on the 1 in the date and left, another below the E of UNITED.

Estimated Value \$950-1,000

Silver Three Cent Pieces and Nickel Three Cent Pieces



Enlarged

164 1872. PCGS graded Proof 64. Deep blue toning throughout and with moderate hairlines in the fields. There is a tiny, short lint mark below the first T of STATES. Choice color and perfect for the date specialist.
Estimated Value \$650-750
From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.



Enlarged

165 1873. PCGS graded Proof 65. Deep blue-gray in color and with clean surfaces. A few minor hairlines, but no other contact worthy of note. The final year of issue of this important coinage, and likely from the Mint's Publicity Agent Andrew Madsen Smith, who is said to have owned over 300 of these. One of just 42 graded this high, with 9 graded higher according to a recent PCGS Population Report.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300
From the Benson Collection and purchased from J. H. Nunn on August 30, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1851 to 1873 for \$135.00.

Nickel Three Cent Pieces



166 1865. PCGS graded Proof 64. This is the first coin from the set purchased by Dr. Benson on March 8, 1944 from the famous Philadelphia dealer, Ira S. Reed. Beautiful mint frost on the devices contrasts well with the dark mirror fields. Faintly bluish in color, and we note a scattering of tiny specks on both sides, and one tiny tick on the left I of the denomination. Examination will note faint hairlines, mostly on the reverse central fields. One of 400 or so struck, most show the double date to the left, as seen here.

During the Civil War, silver coins had virtually disappeared from circulation. History shows how Joseph Wharton, a nickel mine owner, exerted considerable political influence to require United States coinage (1856 on) to include his nickel to coin copper-nickel cents. Nickel had been a metallic curiosity up to that time, and had earned the nickname "Kupfer-Nickel" or Devil's copper, as it was so hard it required the very fires of hell even to melt! (Breen). Nevertheless, Wharton had a virtual monopoly on all nickel mined in the Western Hemisphere, and he needed some place to sell it. The Mint provided the perfect source, and Wharton's political allies kept the nickel projects alive. In time, the huge quantities of nickel needed by the Mint to make cent planchets had exhausted all of Wharton's mines, including the newly opened Canadian mines. With the demand for small coinage very high, the last thing Mint Director James Pollock needed was a shortage of the required alloy for cents! Pollock was a bitter opponent of using nickel for coinage, and seized upon the opportunity to urge passage of a bill to abolish nickel cents and authorize the issue of minor coins (1¢, 2¢ and 3¢) in French bronze, which contained none of the dreaded and hard to work with nickel. This bill became law on April 22, 1864 over powerful opposition from Wharton's friends in Congress--minus the reference to 3¢ pieces. Thus French bronze was employed to coin Indian Cents and Two Cent Pieces starting in mid 1864 and Mint Director Pollock had a temporary victory.

How the 3¢ coin came about is a delightful tale. The 3¢ denomination might seem curious today, but at the time there were millions of unpopular fractional currency bills in circulation, the most prevalent was the 3¢ note. These notes were dirty, tattered and disliked by everyone. Seizing upon opportunity, Wharton had his congressional friends propose a 3¢ nickel coin to replace the hated fractional currency notes, which would be convenient for purchasing stamps, which were 3¢ each. The universal hatred of fractional currency notes was so great, that any solution to replace them was welcome. The proposed bill was passed the same day it was presented to Congress, March 3, 1865. Wharton was back in business, and the Philadelphia Mint was now required to buy Wharton's nickel as fast as it could be mined, refined and shipped.

During 1865, over 11 million 3¢ nickels were coined, and nearly as many 3¢ fractional notes were replaced from circulation, much to everyone's joy. A year later, the precedent of using nickel for 3¢ coins was promoted and a similar bill was passed forcing the coinage of 5¢ nickel coins to replace the similarly hated 5¢ fractional currency notes. Silver half dimes had disappeared from circulation along with all gold and silver coins. Curiously, to this day we are still using nickel for coinage, despite nickel being extremely hard to work with, and nearly as hard as the dies required to coin it. Many dies on Three Cent nickels and Shield nickels show extensive cracks and breaks. Perhaps Wharton's descendants are still exerting their influence on Congress and the mints, to keep the nickel flowing.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700
From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

Nickel Three Cent Pieces

- 167 1866. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Hazy nickel toning and a scattering of tiny dark specks on both sides. Minor hairlines on the reverse. Delicate toning, and highly original. 725 proofs were struck, and most are not as nice as this coin.
Estimated Value \$400-450

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

- 168 1867. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Choice for the grade assigned, this one has excellent surfaces that show none of the usual spots on the obverse, where we note some colorful yellow toning, and the reverse is similar, with hazy nickel tones and minor hairlines. High end for the grade.
Estimated Value \$400-450

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

- 169 1868. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Lightly toned with blues and gold on both sides, and quite well preserved. We note a minor disturbance above MERICA, and the surfaces show no problem spots. Perfectly struck throughout.
Estimated Value \$400-450

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

- 170 1869. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Lovely mint frost on the devices, with some minor toned areas near Liberty's ear. As seen on the other coins from this set, there are minor hairlines on the reverse. Nearly free of fly specks.
Estimated Value \$325-350

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

- 171 1870. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Sharply impressed and well preserved, with a whisper of toning over the mirror fields. Trivial hairlines and a couple of specks from perfection.
Estimated Value \$325-350

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

- 172 1871. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Fresh and original, with a light covering of nickel haze and some microscopic dark specks, mostly on the reverse. 960 were struck in proof, and this is a nice collector coin.
Estimated Value \$325-350

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

- 173 1872. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This coin is better than one would expect for the grade. The surfaces are mostly untuned, with mint fresh frost on the devices, and clean mirror fields surrounding. Well struck on all but the right center of the left I in the denomination, which shows characteristic weakness. Microscopic specks on both sides.
Estimated Value \$275-325

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

- 174 1873. Closed 3. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Bright and reflective throughout, with clean surfaces and fields. Examination will find the usual trivial fly specks, but they are quite small and do not detract.
Estimated Value \$275-325

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

- 175 1874. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Splendid gem surfaces throughout, free of toning or signs of handling and further, no troublesome spots are present. Scarcer than usual, mintages stopped at 700 pieces, and a difficult date to locate in higher grades than this beauty.
Estimated Value \$600-700

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

- 176 1875. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This one is bright and free of toning or spots. Problem-free surfaces and quite lovely in every way. Note the small projection on the lower part of Liberty's neck, this may be the tip of the serif of the 1 in the date, or some other engraving slip or signature on the die. Listed in the Cherrypicker's Guide as FS# 3¢N - 006.5. No doubt scarce in this grade.
Estimated Value \$300-400

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

- 177 1876. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Mostly white, with just a hint of a fingerprint on the devices. No signs of contact or handling, and this coin should grade higher.
Estimated Value \$275-325

*From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed,
March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from
1865 to 1889 for \$230.*

Nickel Three Cent Pieces



- 178 1877. PCGS graded Proof 65.** This appears to be the overdate, 1877 over 6, note the diagnostic repunched base of the 1 and traces of 6 left of the final 7 in the date. Well contrasted between the frosty devices and mirror fields. Microscopic examination will note the usual haze and tiny specks on each side. As a date, this is the key to the series as only 510 (or perhaps a few more) were struck, all in Proof, and none were made for general circulation. In gem condition, this is certainly in the top half of the survivors, and will please any date collector who demands quality and value for their collecting dollar.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,800

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 179 1878. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Gleaming silver-white in color and well struck throughout. This one has the usual trace specks and is top notch for the grade assigned.
Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 180 1879. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Mintages ballooned upwards as demand from collectors increased for proof coins, while the opposite was happening with coins struck for circulation. During 1879, all the mints were primarily focused on producing as many Morgan silver dollars as they could, and hence all other coinage was secondary in production. This one has a few hairlines and is basically untuned save for a couple of minute specks.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.



- 181 1879. PCGS graded MS-66.** This stunning gem was purchased many years ago by Dr. Benson, and held in pristine conditions since the day it was coined. Note the mint-fresh luster and boldly struck devices. Scarcely a mark to be found, even under the scrutiny of a strong glass! Further, this is a low mintage date, with 38,000 coined for circulation, and most of those circulated or lost long ago. In this grade, PCGS has only graded 24 this high, with just 6 graded higher in mint state. A coin for the specialist who demands the best.
Estimated Value \$600-700

Purchased from Ira S. Reed, February 26, 1944 for \$1.50 and held in the Benson Collection since that time.

- 182 1880. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Nearly gem quality on this excellent specimen, a few trivial specks (all tiny), and lovely mint color throughout. An impressive piece for the collector.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 183 1881. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This is the last big gasp for mintages of this curious coin, with a total of 1,080,575 struck. Bright and untuned, with just a whisper of specks on either side. Clean surfaces for the moderate grade.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 184 1882. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Awash in mint frost on the devices, and silvery-white in color. There are microscopic traces of specks, but nothing to detract from this gem specimen. We note that the 2 has evidence of something beneath it, as discovered by Lester Merkin about 1965.
Estimated Value \$325-375

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 185 1883. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Another near gem that has faint specks, and light original haze on both sides. Well struck by the coining press, and without any problems whatsoever.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 186 1884. PCGS graded Proof 65.** One of the low mintage dates, with little demand from the public the three cent nickel production limped along for a few more years. This gem proof will delight collectors for its flashy surfaces, mirror fields and excellent color.
Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 187 1885. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This one has nice color and surfaces, but there is a minor lamination patch at the top of the obverse. Clean surfaces and good color throughout, with trivial specks to note the passage of time.
Estimated Value \$275-325

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 188 1886. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Perfectly struck on a select planchet, and without the usual specks or other detractors. As perfect as one could hope to obtain.
Estimated Value \$475-525

Nickel Three Cent Pieces and Nickels

- 189 1886. PCGS graded Proof 64.** A proof only date, with none issued for general circulation. This one is bright white, with microscopic flecks on both sides and a hint of haze, mostly on the reverse.

Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 190 1887. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This one has some nickel blue in color, and the usual trivial fly specks. Well struck and preserved for the grade.

Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 191 1887. 7 over 6. PCGS graded Proof 64.** One of the early die state pieces that shows the overdate fairly strong. With the advantage of Population Reports, we now know that the overdate represents about one-half of the issue for the year. This one has faint haze and minor specks on both sides from long storage in a National Pages album.

Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 192 1888. PCGS graded Proof 66.** A brilliant spot free gem proof specimen.

Estimated Value \$500-550



- 193 1888. PCGS graded Proof 65.** One of the nicest coins from this complete set, with lovely color and surfaces throughout and light haze in the toning department. Well struck and a gem in every regard.

Estimated Value \$325-375

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

- 194 1889. PCGS graded Proof 64.** The final year of issue, as this denomination was put out to pasture. Nice color and clean surfaces, with moderate fly specks on both sides. Nearly a gem, and should delight most collectors.

Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 8, 1944 as part of a complete set from 1865 to 1889 for \$230.

Nickels

Shield Nickels



- 195 1866. PCGS graded Proof 65.** The mintage of this first year of issue has long been controversial, for many years it was estimated that 125 were struck, now the figure has been revised to 300 as more accurate counts have been completed. This one is a satiny gem that boasts toning and haze free surfaces, and no value diminishing spots or problems. Several design elements show recutting, as always seen on these proofs. PCGS has graded 96 this high, with 54 graded higher.

Estimated Value \$2,500-2,700

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.



- 196 1866. PCGS graded Proof 65 Cameo.** This is the first year of the issue and a short two year type coin. Research has shown that the initial strikes from the polished proof dies sometimes produced a cameo effect. This means that the devices are especially frosty and the fields well mirrored, as seen on this gem. PCGS reports that 101 have been graded this high, but we suspect that few of those are "cameo" examples. One for the type or date collector who demands abundant eye appeal and well preserved surfaces.

Estimated Value \$2,500-2,700



- 197 1867. Rays. PCGS graded MS-64.** Fresh and original, with nice luster and clean surfaces for the grade. A bold strike, with sharp details on the shield and wreath above.

Estimated Value \$600-700

From the Benson Collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 20, 1944 at a cost of \$7.00.

Nickels



- 198 1867. Rays. MS-60+.** Nice on the obverse, but there is a raised corrosion lump on the upper right rim and another on the rim left of the date, on the reverse, there are some hairlines around the periphery from a past cleaning and a couple of spots on CENTS from improper storage. Perhaps the corrosion can be removed, and experts should examine this before anything is attempted.

Estimated Value \$150-200

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.*



- 199 1867. No rays. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Bold and well preserved, with hints of nickel blue in the mirror fields and excellent surfaces. One faint spot on the N of CENT apparently accounts for the moderate grade, as the coin has no other problems that we noted.

Estimated Value \$200-250

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.*



- 200 1868. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This one has very light toning on both sides and is free of problems aside from faint hairlines. Not an easy date to locate in choice proof.

Estimated Value \$425-500

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.*



- 201 1869. PCGS graded Proof 63.** This one has minor mottled tones on the lower obverse where raised toning areas reside near the rim. We also note light hairlines on the reverse.

Estimated Value \$200-250

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.*



- 202 1870. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Fresh and original, with a faint layer of toning starting to settle in. One small speck on the lower left reverse, and trivial hairlines.

Estimated Value \$350-400

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1866 to 1921 for \$335.00.*



- 203 1871. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Spot-free and clean for the grade, with the devices outlined by haze. Downright fresh.

Estimated Value \$200-250

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.*



- 204 1872. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This is the double die obverse, with minor doubling noted on the cross and annulet below (not all that rare on the proofs, see Breen-2492 in his Encyclopedia). Nearly a gem, and perfect for a collector.

Estimated Value \$300-350

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.*

Nickels

- 205 1873. Closed 3. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A few scattered specks on the reverse, but this one is clearly a gem. Housed in an old green insert PCGS holder, and seldom found this nice. PCGS has graded 76 this high, with just 8 higher of the date. Estimated Value \$450-500

- 206 1873. Closed 3. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This one was struck from a lapped obverse die, as the left arrow feathers are very shallow. Nicely struck and preserved, with clean fields and devices that are untuned, aside from a bit of haze. Estimated Value \$250-300
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.



- 207 1874. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Choice surfaces and color, with bright frost on the devices and nicely mirrored fields. Spot and toning free. Estimated Value \$300-350
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 208 1875. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Faint hairlines and light haze, otherwise fresh from the dies, and obviously original. Estimated Value \$200-250
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.



- 209 1876. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Hazy white tones surround the devices and well struck by the dies. Nearly a gem of this centennial year issue. Estimated Value \$300-350
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.



- 210 1877. PCGS graded Proof 65.** The key date to the series, only 510 were struck in proof, and no business strikes were coined. Of those, PCGS has graded 135 this high, with 41 graded higher. If you want a bright, fresh gem from an old time collection, then go after this splendid coin. Estimated Value \$1,600-2,000
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.



- 211 1878. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Bright and fresh, with a hint of haze and a couple of tiny flecks of dark specks when viewed with a strong glass. Estimated Value \$450-500
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.



- 212 1879. 9 over 8. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Frosty and bright on the obverse, the reverse with a touch of haze and a scattering of hairlines. Sharply struck from deeply engraved dies and quite nice for the grade. As to the overdate feature, its about as sharp as ever seen, with remnants of the underlying 8 visible within the lower part of the 9. Scarce and always popular with collectors as overdate proofs of any denomination are a delight to ponder. Estimated Value \$600-700
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 213 1880. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This is the "dropped 8" variety that shows strong repunching within the second 8, which was cut very low and corrected. No other digits show repunching, so the engraver likely lapped off other traces prior to striking these proofs. Bright and flashy, with light haze mostly on the reverse, and well struck throughout. Estimated Value \$300-350
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

Nickels

- 214 1881. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Clean surfaces for the grade, with no signs of handling or spots.
Estimated Value \$400-450



- 215 1881. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Flashy and well struck, with minor haze on the reverse. One speck on the N of UNITED, which could probably be removed.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.



- 216 1882. PCGS graded Proof 65.** This is one of the "filled 2" varieties, with some mispunchings noted under than digit. Nice and bright, with frosty devices and clean mirror fields. A sparkling jewel.
Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.



- 217 1883. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A true beauty that boasts glowing frost and reflective fields. On the obverse there is a hint of rose toning, and a single tiny speck below the 5 on the reverse. The final year of issue of the Shield Nickel series.
Estimated Value \$400-450

Purchased by Dr. Benson on March 31, 1944 from James G. Macallister for \$2.00.

- 218 1883. PCGS graded Proof 63.** This one has a bit of haze and light streaks of color, especially on the reverse. We also note hairlines and the fields are starting to cloud over.
Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

Liberty Nickels

- 219 1883. Without "CENTS". PCGS graded Proof 63.** Nice color and surfaces, but we do note some hairlines in the delicate mirror fields from a cloth or wiping at some time in the past. Tiny flecks on both sides too, none deep or large.
Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 220 1883. Without "CENTS". MS-64.** Mint fresh and very choice, we note one tiny speck near the wreath on the central reverse. An important and popular one year type coin.
Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 221 1883. With "CENTS". PCGS graded Proof 63.** Perfect for the grade, light original color, clean surfaces and very choice.
Estimated Value \$175-200

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 222 1884. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Great contrast and quite fresh. A couple of tiny flecks, as usually seen with minor haze.
Estimated Value \$175-225

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.



- 223 1885. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Here is a low mintage and popular date with all collectors. Even in low grades, this coin brings a strong price, so why not get a beautiful near-gem for a bit more? Take a look at this one. Note the minor flecks, but good contrast and bright frost on the devices.
Estimated Value \$550-650

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

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Nickels



- 224 1885. PCGS graded MS-65.** A gem by any standards, and this one is truly a delight to behold. Frosty and bright, this one is untuned and nearly as fresh as the day it was coined. We note minor peripheral die cracks, mostly on the reverse. This is the key date to the series, with a low mintage and not many saved in high grade. Note that this is the old style green insert holder. PCGS has graded 22 this high, with just 9 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 225 1886. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Another low mintage date which has a long history of strong demand. Bluish tones over silvery-white surfaces, and nearly a gem. We note a few hazy streaks of toning, and the usual hairlines.
Estimated Value \$225-275
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 226 1887. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Faint streaky toning, with beautiful color and surfaces throughout.
Estimated Value \$125-150
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 227 1888. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Typical hazy toning and a bit dull, as are most seen of this date. Sharply struck.
Estimated Value \$125-150
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 228 1889. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Light wipe lines on both sides, with delicate toning throughout.
Estimated Value \$125-150
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 229 1890. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Typical hairlines and some dark flecks on the surfaces. Choice color.
Estimated Value \$125-150
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 230 1891. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Choice and lightly toned.
Estimated Value \$125-150
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 231 1892. PCGS graded Proof 62.** A couple of tiny ticks, and minor hairlines above the head of Liberty. Bluish fields and nicely frosted.
Estimated Value \$120-140
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 232 1893. PCGS graded Proof 62.** The 1 in the date does appear to be repunched low, which Breen states is "rare". Faint haze, otherwise untuned and nice for the very moderate grade.
Estimated Value \$120-140
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 233 1894. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Some tiny marks on Liberty's lower neck, and minor hairlines in the fields. As usual, there are minor flecks on both sides.
Estimated Value \$125-150
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 234 1895. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Excellent surfaces and lightly toned with nickel haze. Always popular with date collectors.
Estimated Value \$300-330

- 235 1895. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Hazy toning and well struck, with hairlines and minor specks.
Estimated Value \$120-140
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 236 1896. PCGS graded Proof 62.** One tick below Liberty's eye, and a spot on the reverse above C of CENTS. Minor haze and hairlines.
Estimated Value \$120-140
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 237 1897. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Hazy nickel toning on both sides, over the usual hairlines.
Estimated Value \$125-150
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 238 1898. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Hazy blue toning, with the ever-present specks on the mirror fields. Boldly struck.
Estimated Value \$120-140
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

Nickels

- 239 1899. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Light hazy toning and well struck by the dies.
Estimated Value \$175-200
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 240 1900. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Hairlines on the obverse, but still very reflective.
Estimated Value \$120-140
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 241 1901. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Fresh from an old set, with trivial fly specks and hazy toning.
Estimated Value \$120-140
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 242 1902. PCGS graded Proof 62.** This one has a fly speck or two, and is struck in the all-mirror style curious to a few years.
Estimated Value \$120-140
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 243 1903. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Fly specks on both sides, and generally well preserved.
Estimated Value \$120-140
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 244 1903. PCGS graded MS-65.** Bright gray in color with abundant nickel luster on each side. Clean, undiminished color and surfaces throughout.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 245 1904. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Bluish haze in the fields and decent for the grade.
Estimated Value \$90-110
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 246 1904. PCGS graded MS-64.** Frosty and bright on the obverse, with some streaks on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$125-150
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 247 1905. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Delicate toning and well struck.
Estimated Value \$110-130
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 248 1906. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A gorgeous pink and blue toned proof.
Estimated Value \$300-330
- 249 1906. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A flashy, bright gem that remains untuned. An excellent type coin.
Estimated Value \$300-330
- 250 1906. PCGS graded Proof 63.** A hint of gold haze and well struck by the dies.
Estimated Value \$110-130
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 251 1907. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Light brown specks and natural nickel haze on both sides with a combination of hairlines accounting for the grade.
Estimated Value \$90-110
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 252 1908. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Some haze and a few small specks on both sides.
Estimated Value \$90-110
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 253 1909. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Hazy shades with a couple of trivial specks on both sides. Choice throughout with nice color and surfaces.
Estimated Value \$110-130
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 254 1910. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Hazy and original, with a few hairlines too. Nice color.
Estimated Value \$110-130
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 255 1911. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Minor hairlines and the usual haze from a set holder.
Estimated Value \$110-130
From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.
- 256 1912. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Bold and beautiful, with minor hairlines and specks, but a good strike and nice color.
Estimated Value \$110-130
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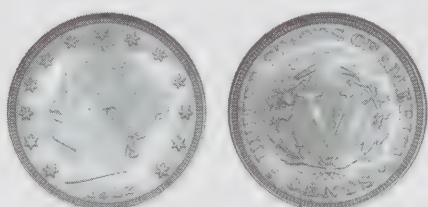
Nickels



- 257 **1912-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** Nearly a gem, and many would agree, as the surfaces show just a couple of ticks, and very few specks. Nice luster and boldly struck, even on the peripheral stars. Scarce in this grade.

Estimated Value \$300-400

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.



- 258 **1912-D. NGC graded MS-64.** Forget the price sheets on this one, as the colors are spectacular. Deep iridescent gold and red on both sides, with satiny nickel tones over luster elsewhere. Technically a great coin too, as few are found in full gem condition, and this one has no surface problems whatsoever. A couple of very minor flyspecks, if one must find something to worry about, but this one is far nicer than most seen.

Estimated Value \$300-400



- 259 **1912-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Specks from an old fingerprint, and this one is well struck, with radial lines on each of the stars. Liberty's face is very clean, and this coin is certainly at the high end of the grade.

Estimated Value \$800-1,000

From the Benson Collection and purchased on March 8, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1866 to 1912 for \$335.00.

- 260 **Certified nickel lot.** This nickel lot includes 1883 Liberty, No Cents PCI graded AU-58; 1883 Liberty, With Cents PCGS graded AU-55; 1913 Type I Buffalo PCGS graded MS-63; 1913-D Type 1 PCGS graded MS-63; 1913 Buffalo Type II SEGS graded MS-62; 1935 PCI graded EF-45 Cleaned and 1938-D/D SEGS graded MS-65. Lot of 7 coins.

Estimated Value \$70-90

Buffalo Nickels



- 261 **1913. Type 1. PCGS graded Proof 66.** A superb example of this rare proof issue. 1,520 were coined in proof, and of those, PCGS has graded 62 as PR66, with 22 graded higher. Light golden toning on both sides, and especially well struck. The proof issues are simply a far better rendering of the design concept, with the design elements bold. These were struck after February 17, 1913, and the design was changed later in the year to make the ground straight below the bison. Hence, this is a one year type coin.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Benson Collection but with no further pedigree information.

- 262 **1913. Type 1 (7 pieces).** An investors group of these, all NGC graded MS-64. Fresh from a small group which was recently graded. Lot of 7 coins.

Estimated Value \$250-350

- 263 **1913. Type 1 and 1913-D. Type I. The Philadelphia coin grades MS-65, while the Denver Mint coin grades MS-63.** The first is quite lustrous, while the Denver coin has a more subdued appearance. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$100-125

- 264 **1913-D. Type 1. PCGS graded MS-64.** This one has a tiny spot near the center of the obverse, and flecks of similar toning on both sides. Nice color and average strike for the issue.

Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

- 265 **1913. Type 2. PCGS graded MS-64.** Sharply struck and choice for the grade, with a band of sunset gold along the lower left obverse and a bit of color on the reverse too. A lot of coin for the grade.

Estimated Value \$70-80

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

Nickels



- 266 1913-D. Type 2. PCGS graded MS-65.** This coin is truly an exceptional specimen, tiny flecks of toning are noted over lustrous fields and well struck devices. Note how few handling marks there are, and know that this is a very high end specimen of this popular first year of issue Buffalo nickel.

Estimated Value \$800-900

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

- 267 1913-S. Type 2. MS-60+. Planchet flaw.** This coin has a pretty hefty planchet flaw from around the date, but the 13 is clear. Speckled light toning and nice otherwise.

Estimated Value \$200-300

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*



- 268 1914-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** As a date, 1914-D is better struck than later Denver issues, with better device detail throughout. This one has a couple of tiny die cracks, one through RT of LIBERTY, then there is a short pair of cracks from the rim to the bison's tail, and another past CENTS to the ground. Speckled toning as seen on all the coins from this set.

Estimated Value \$250-350

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

- 269 1914-D. MS-63.** Nicely toned, nearly enough to cover over some shallow scrapes on the bison, which can still be seen with a glass.

Estimated Value \$250-325



- 270 1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Satiny gold luster throughout and with a decent strike for this normally weak date. Tiny flecks of color on both sides, and well preserved for the moderate grade assigned. Sharp on the horn and head, but a bit of weakness on the split end of the tail. A scarce date that is seldom offered in choice grades.

Estimated Value \$300-350

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

- 271 1914-S. AU-55.** Nice luster and toned by a couple of dark streaks on the right side of the reverse.

Estimated Value \$50-60

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

- 272 1915. PCGS graded MS-66.** Superb quality for this date, well struck and pristine throughout. PCGS has graded 156 this high, with 19 graded higher, all MS-67. Bright luster and no signs of toning yet.

Estimated Value \$300-350

- 273 1915. PCGS graded MS-66.** Bright and fresh, with creamy luster and free of toning. Sharp on the devices.

Estimated Value \$300-350

- 274 1915. PCGS graded MS-63.** Light gold and speckled toning and well struck for this issue.

Estimated Value \$50-60

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*



- 275 1915-D. MS-60.** This one has nice color but there is a long scrape on the lower reverse which is old and well hidden by time. Well struck and worth a look.

Estimated Value \$100-125

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

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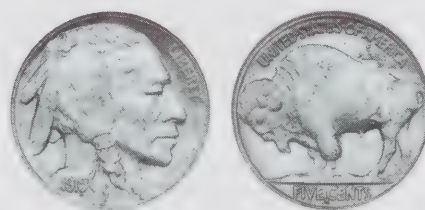
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Nickels



- 276 1915-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Pink and gold toning with tiny specks on both sides, and nearly a gem. One of the lower mint-age dates with a scant 1,505,000 struck for ice cream cones to beer purchases. This one was set aside and preserved, and today is perfect for the date collector who demands top quality.
Estimated Value \$900-1,100

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*



- 277 1915-S. NGC graded MS-64.** Well struck with undisturbed satiny mint surfaces that are delicately toned with a hint of soft violet. We note some fine fly-specks, none worthy of note and noticeable only with magnification.
Estimated Value \$650-750



- 278 1916. PCGS graded MS-63.** Golden and original in color, with a scattering of minor flecks on both sides. Boldly impressed and certainly at the upper end of the grade assigned.
Estimated Value \$40-50

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*



- 279 1916-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** A near gem from this lovely set of Buffalo Nickels, the surfaces have the usual tiny flecks of color and the devices are well struck. Light haze on the upper right reverse, possibly from an old fingerprint.
Estimated Value \$300-400

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from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

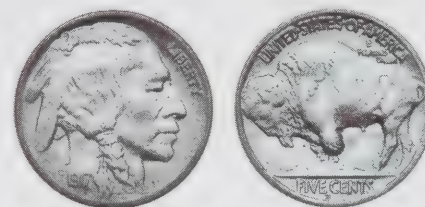


- 280 1916-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** This one is sharply struck and quite beautiful overall. The surfaces show tiny flecks of color, and the coin has a mellow golden tone. Flashy luster and exceptional quality for the grade.
Estimated Value \$350-450

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

- 281 1917. PCGS graded MS-63.** Here is an unusual coin, the obverse die had several die lines or file marks which were present when this one was struck. Note the long raised line through the RT of LIBERTY to the tip of the Indian's nose, another from the rim to his forehead, and two short raised lines extending above the lower feather, and another left of the left chord tying his hair. These tiny lines would soon be worn off the dies by the striking of many coins or by lapping the die, so this is apparently an early die state. Clean surfaces, and an interesting coin to study. We also note a tiny lamination on the Bison's rump, which is still attached but starting to pull away from the surface of the coin.
Estimated Value \$80-100

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*



- 282 1917-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** Another near gem from this lovely date set! The surfaces have tiny flecks of color, and the toning is light gold over original mint frost. Simply outstanding quality for the grade, sharply struck throughout and downright scarce in this grade.
Estimated Value \$700-800

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

Nickels



- 283 1917-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Sharply struck throughout, with crisp detail on LIBERTY and the bison's wool coat. Examination with a strong glass fails to locate any handling marks worthy of note, and the fields and devices are toned a light gold with numerous tiny flecks of color on both sides.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,600

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

- 284 1918. PCGS graded MS-63.** Choice golden toning especially on the obverse over the vibrant original luster, with the now familiar tiny flecks of color visible with a glass. Well struck at the edges, and normal weakness at the centers, perhaps accounting for the moderate grade.

Estimated Value \$180-210

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

- 285 1918-D. Sharpness of AU-58 but there are obverse scratches.** Sharply struck from a very rusted obverse die, with clash marks also present below the Indian's chin. There is a long, thin scratch in the Chief's hair, and some other minor ones nearby. One for the album collector.

Estimated Value \$175-225



- 286 1918-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** This one has a decent strike, but is certainly not "full" as compared with earlier or later dates. Light golden toning and trivial flecks on both sides. Scarce, even in this grade, and worthy of a high grade mint state set.

Estimated Value \$800-900

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

- 287 1918-S. PCGS graded MS-62.** This pair of dies were pushing the limits of the dismal department, the surfaces of the dies were very rough, and the strike generated by them was rather mushy. Nevertheless, this is how it was made, as the mints tried to lengthen die life by reducing the striking pressure, coins like this are the result. As Breen states "often weak", to which we must agree.

Estimated Value \$500-700

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*



- 288 1919. PCGS graded MS-66.** Stone white and gorgeous with well struck devices and pristine surfaces throughout. A high end gem that will please even the most fastidious collector.

Estimated Value \$700-800

- 289 1919. PCGS graded MS-63.** Flashy luster and nicely struck for this Philadelphia issue. The usual flecks of color on both sides as seen on all the coins from Dr. Benson's set.

Estimated Value \$70-90

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*



- 290 1919-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Beautiful multicolored toning on both sides, and very lustrous. One tiny planchet lamination at the top of the obverse has peeled back, but is attached. Light flecks of toning.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*



- 291 1919-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** An above average strike, although certainly not full. Good luster and clean surfaces for the grade, with a few flecks of toning as always.

Estimated Value \$900-1,100

*From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944
from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from
1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.*

- 292 1919-S. MS-60.** This one has an average strike on the bison, with a full horn, but the tail is not quite full. Toned with golden hues around the rims. One minor planchet flake below the date.

Estimated Value \$300-350

*From Superior Stamp & Coin Company's Sale,
September 1996, Lot 334.*

Nickels

- 293 1920. PCGS graded MS-64.** Tiny flecks of color on both sides over vibrant original luster. Hints of bluish, gold and rose toning on both sides. Sharply struck.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.



- 294 1920-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Deeper gold toning than on most from this set, with a tiny scrape on the Indian's nose. Well struck save for the bison's head and eye.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,300

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.



- 295 1920-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Gold toning with the same tiny flecks of color as seen on most of the coins from this set. Precious few handling marks, considering how these are normally found. Scarce, even in choice grades.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

- 296 1921. PCGS graded MS-64.** Mint fresh luster and well struck from clashed dies. The flecks of color are very tiny on this one. A scarce date, which is always in demand in choice or better grades.
Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.



- 297 1921-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** This one has a decent strike on the devices, with good details overall. Full luster and with faint toning starting to form, and a few of the tiny specks on each side. Close examination will locate very few signs of handling, and this coin could possibly grade higher.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,800

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

- 298 1923. PCGS graded MS-63.** Nickel blue luster and well struck by the dies. We note the scattering of tiny dark flecks on both sides seen on most of the coins from Dr. Benson's collection. Perhaps this is some sort of environmental exposure, which can probably be removed if someone who is experienced in such things.
Estimated Value \$90-100

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.



- 299 1923-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Frosty luster and with an average strike for the issue, as we note the typical weakness on the bison's tail tip, but sharp on the balance of the animal. This one has the usual tiny dark flecks on both sides, but they can only be seen with a glass. Clean surfaces for the grade assigned.
Estimated Value \$500-600

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.



- 300 1924-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Nice luster and color, with a typical strike for this date. Light rose toning.
Estimated Value \$600-750

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

Nickels



- 301 1924-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Similar strike to the Philadelphia issue, but this one has a bit more split to the tail, and stronger details on the bulk of the bison. Minor dark specks on both sides and clean for the grade. A low mintage date of 1,437,000 struck, few of which were saved in mint state grades.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.



- 302 1925-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** A decent strike for the date, although parts of the head on the bison are a touch weak, especially around the horn. Luster in the fields, and the tiny dark specks on both sides.
Estimated Value \$450-550

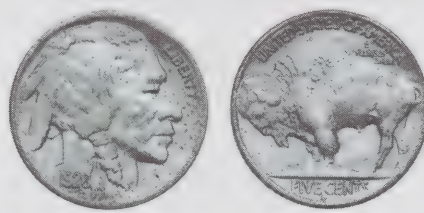
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- 303 1925-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** This one has a mushy strike, with weakness on the date and some peripheral devices. Dark specks as always seen on the coins from this set, which need a strong glass to be seen.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

- 304 1926 and 1938-D. PCGS MS-65 and NGC MS-67 respectively. Lot of 2.**
Estimated Value \$225-275



- 305 1926-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Better than average strike, and remember, this coin was put away in 1944! Golden toning and minor dark flecks on both sides, otherwise this coin might grade even higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

- 306 1926-D. MS-63.** This one has the characteristic weak strike, but the color and surfaces are decent.
Estimated Value \$200-250

Choice Mint State 1926-S Buffalo Nickel



- 307 1926-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** This one has a good strike on the head and shoulder, but a touch weak on the tail split. Nice color and surfaces, with the usual tiny specks seen on all the coins from this set. A low mintage date, just 970,000 struck for circulation, most of which were spent and few were preserved in uncirculated grades. An opportunity to put away a nice example of this key date. PCGS notes 75 graded this high, with just 90 graded higher (best is MS-65).
Estimated Value \$5,000-6,000

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

- 308 1927-D. MS-60.** This one has streaky gold toning on the obverse, with minor dark specks on both sides. Note the strike, it is better than average, but the dark specks are more prevalent on this coin than most from this set.
Estimated Value \$100-120

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

Nickels



- 309 1927-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Sharp and well preserved, we note a tiny green speck near the top of the Indian's head, and a black speck on the bison's eye. A rare date in high grade, and this choice coin should fit nicely in a high grade set.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,800

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

- 310 1928-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Well struck throughout with full device detail on all but the tail. With the usual tiny dark specks on both sides, and the toning is a bit streaky. Nice luster and surfaces, which show few signs of contact.
Estimated Value \$400-500

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

- 311 1930-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Dark flyspecks on each side but still lustrous and with some gold toning. Scarcer than many dates.
Estimated Value \$70-80

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

- 312 1931-S. MS-65.** A well struck, brilliant gem! One for the date collector.
Estimated Value \$150-200

- 313 1934-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** Minor weakness at the lower reverse. Nice luster and color, but the usual flyspecks.
Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.



- 314 1936. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This is the brilliant style proof issue. Hazy toning starting to form, and very nice for the grade. We note scattered flyspecks from time and handling. A scarce proof issue.
Estimated Value \$650-700

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 1, 1944 for \$42.00 as part of a 1936 proof set.



- 315 1937. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Deep watery mirrors throughout, with well preserved surfaces. A high end gem that will entice the collector to bid. We note that the reverse die was rotated about 20 degrees counter clockwise when this was struck.
Estimated Value \$850-950

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 27, 1944 as part of a 1937 proof set for \$15.75.



- 316 1937-D. 3 legged. AU-58.** A choice coin for the grade, with delicate nickel blue toning at the rim, gold elsewhere. Sharply struck, with the curious missing foreleg on the bison, and the diagnostic die line beneath that confirms this one is genuine. Always popular, and usually one of the last purchased by date collectors due to the cost.
Estimated Value \$600-800

- 317 1937-D. 3 legged. ICG graded VF-25.** Clean surfaces for the grade, with natural gray tones and typical circulation marks, including a nick on the beast. Always popular and never inexpensive.
Estimated Value \$300-350

- 318 A small herd of mint state buffalos. Dates include: 1913 Type I, 1913 Type 2, 1916, 1919, 1920, 1923, 1929, 1935-S and 1938-D each grades MS-63 or better.** Several have lovely toning and all are lustrous. Lot of 9 coins.
Estimated Value \$250-350

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Nickels

- 319 The Benson Buffalo nickel partial set, 1935-1938-D.** The balance of the Buffalo nickel collection is within this sale, and this small group remains together and will be sold in the original National Pages album. **Dates range from 1935 through 1938-D, and each coin is MS-63 or better and all are toned with lovely colors, some of which have developed minor fly-specks over time.** Lot of 10 coins.

In consistent fashion Dr. Benson placed all of his coins in National Pages which were produced by Wayte Raymond. These coin albums are made of cardboard, with properly coin sized holes for each series with dates and mintmarks noted below each coin opening. Further, the albums have acetate slides, which held the coins in place. What is important to note, is that the cardboard used in these albums contains traces of sulfur which reacts copper, nickel and silver coins causing them to tone with a dazzling array of colors over decades. It is important will all similar holders that employ slides that cover the coins that the slides do not come into contact with the coins when they are moved back and forth to insert, remove or straighten a coin in the holder, as "slide marks" can occur on the highest devices of the coin, and these slide marks can reduce the grade of a mint state coin by a few points. We make a point of this because great care was used by Dr. Benson when he inserted the coins, and similar great care was used by Larry Goldberg when he removed the coins, making sure no coin came into contact with a moving slide in the National Pages album. Hence, the mint state and proof coins are in precisely the same condition as when they purchased in the 1940s, aside from the spectacular toning. Viewing these coins is stepping back in time to the way coin collecting used to be.

Estimated Value \$175-225

- 320 A group of Buffalo nickels from the Benson collection. This group includes the following: 1913 Type I, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1930, 1934 and 1937. Each grades from MS-60 to 63.** We note the usual small specks on each side, as these were all stored in the same album for many years together. The 1937 has some rim corrosion. Lot of 9 coins.

Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

- 321 A group of Buffalo nickels from the Benson collection. This group includes the following: 1913-S Type I, 1928-D, 1929, 1929-D, 1929-S and 1931-S. Each grades from MS-60 to 63.** We note the usual specks on each coin from album storage over many years in a humid environment. A few better dates in this lot, take a look. Lot of 6 coins.

Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson Collection and purchased on October 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed in a set of nickels from 1913 to 1938 for \$350.00.

Jefferson Nickels

- 322 1938. Proof 66.** Frosty and white, with nearly perfect surfaces. Estimated Value \$40-60

From the Benson collection.

- 323 1939. Proof 66.** Outstanding quality for this issue, with well frosted devices and pristine surfaces. Estimated Value \$70-90

From the Benson collection.

- 324 1940. Proof 66.** Faint hazy toning and brilliant throughout. Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection.

- 325 1941. Proof 66.** Light gold around the rims, and well preserved since the time of issue. Estimated Value \$60-70

From the Benson collection.

- 326 1942 Type II. Proof 65.** Frosty and bright, with a touch of toning on either side. We note a trivial planchet lamination before and above Jefferson's forehead and some edge corrosion from album storage back east. Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection.

- 327 1942 Type II. Proof 65.** Hazy yellow toning, and apparently mounted in an album for many years, but without the corrosion on the edge. This one is pretty nice. Estimated Value \$75-85

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 as part of a 1942 proof set for \$4.00.

- 328 1942 Type I. Proof 65.** Bright, with just a hint of toning starting to form. A high wire edge on the obverse. Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection.

- 329 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942 Type I. These each graded Proof 63-65.** A few hairlines on some, and watch for green corrosion on the edge from album storage in a damp environment. Estimated Value \$100-120

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 3, 1944 as part of several proof sets.

- 330 1938 (2 pieces), 1938-DS, 1939 PDS, 1940 PDS, 1941 PDS, 1942 PD (I), 1942 PS (II) and 1943 PDS. These grade MS-63-65.** One of the 1938 nickels has some corrosion on the rim from a damp environment, but the balance are all nice for the grades. Lot of 20 coins. Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection.

- 331 A slabbed Jefferson nickel lot. This is a partial collection of Jefferson nickels which are all slabbed and grade from AU to Gem Proof.** All save the first one are uncirculated or better. Several Cameo proofs are included, as well as SMS coins. Lot of 33 coins. Estimated Value \$150-UP

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Outstanding 1794 Half Dime



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- 332 1794. Logan-McCloskey-2, Valentine-2, Rarity-5. PCGS graded MS-64. As we start with the Half Dimes from this famous collection, we simply want to say that this is one of the finest collections of half dimes ever auctioned. Many coins have illustrious pedigrees, and the quality is superb. Most dates and major types are included, and this collection will long be remembered for its spectacular toning and outstanding quality. This 1794 is perhaps the finest known of the variety, is it a point better than the lovely coin auctioned by Bowers and Merena in the Eliasberg Sale, 5/96:885 listed as MS-63. The strike is typically weak for the variety, with localized softness on the lower curls of Liberty and above the left wing of the eagle, while the balance of the coin is sharp. Deep blue and gray toning around the periphery, with glowing red rose hues at the centers. Blazing luster in the fields, and we note minor hairlines which are scarcely visible, even with a glass. This coin is simply stunning, and the surfaces are outstanding. PCGS has graded 7 this high, with 6 graded higher, of the date. Color photo. Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000

From the Benson Collection and purchased on February 8, 1945 for \$66.00 from Macallister.

Gem 1795 Half Dime



Enlarged

- 333 1795. Logan-McCloskey-8, Valentine-5, Rarity-3. PCGS graded MS-65. This is certainly one of the finest known of this date, PCGS has graded 8 this high with just 5 graded higher, the better ones all MS-66. Well struck by the dies, but with localized weakness on a couple of the curls. We note satiny luster in the fields which combines with delicate blue and gold shades to present an old time type coin in wondrous condition. Free of adjustment marks or any post mint problems, the surfaces are simply pristine in every way. Certainly one of the most important and valuable coins in the Benson Collection, and worthy of the finest collection of half dimes. Although a common variety, few survive in full gem condition, and precious few survive even in mint state. As a variety, this die pairing also has the dubious distinction of being counterfeited by the spark erosion process. The counterfeits can be discovered by a telltale pit at the top of the 7 and are normally found in circulated grades. This coin is obviously an original, and has been held in Dr. Benson's collection for many decades. Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000

Purchased by Dr. Benson on March 30, 1946 for \$50.00 likely from Ira Reed or James Macallister.

Half Dimes

Draped Bust Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 334 1795. LM-10, V-4A, Rarity-3. PCGS graded AU-55.** This one slipped in to circulation for a brief time, just long enough to get a few tiny handling marks on the fields and devices. We note lovely blue shades around the periphery while the centers are silvery-white. Expect this one to bring a premium for it's superb National Pages album colors and clean surfaces. The strike is typical, weak on the hair curls and the left wing of the eagle. Familiar and common die state with the obverse die cud through TY of LIBERTY and star 9. One for the type collector. Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Dr. Benson Collection and likely purchased in the 1940s.



Enlarged

- 335 1795. Logan-McCloskey-10, Valentine-4, Rarity-3. AU-55.** We note several minor scratches on this coin, including some light ones beneath RTY and behind the head. Examination with a strong glass will note tiny scratches atop the letters of LIBERTY, and other minor surface problems can be found. Early die state as the obverse cud has not yet developed. Deep blue and gold colors throughout, and a decent coin despite it's problems. Color photo. Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

Purchased by Dr. Benson on April 3, 1944 from Macallister for \$15.00.



Enlarged

- 336 1796. "LIKERTY", LM-1, V-1, Rarity-3. PCGS graded VF-30.** For the lover of toned coins, this one boasts splendid blue, green and gold circles of vibrant hues around the periphery, while the centers remain silvery white. This coin was obviously housed in a National Pages album for many years, and sent off to PCGS prior to this sale. As to the surfaces, they are free of the usual handling problems such as scratches or adjustment marks, and present an opportunity as such. 1796 half dimes come well struck as a rule, and this coin is no exception. Curiously the reverse die was rotated about 20 degrees counter clockwise when this one was struck. As a type coin, the draped bust small eagle coins were struck in just two years, and this has long been one of the more difficult type coins to locate in high grade.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,800

Purchased by Dr. Benson on December 26, 1944 from Hollinbeck Coin Company for \$16.00.



Enlarged

- 337 1797. 15 stars, LM-1, V-2, Rarity-3. EF-45.** Here is another delightfully toned coin that boasts rich yellow, red, blue, gold and green shades on the obverse, and similar bold colors around the reverse periphery. As frequently seen on this type, there are shallow pin scratches in the right obverse field and an even lighter one on her face. Other handling marks are less noticeable, as well as the usual hairlines. As always seen, the central design elements are weakly struck, especially the fine feather details on the eagle.

Certainly worth a strong premium for the superb color and strong hair detail on Liberty. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

From the Benson collection and purchased May, 1944 from Ira S. Reed for \$25.00.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 338 1797. 15 stars, LM-1, Valentine-2, Rarity-3. PCGS graded VF-30. It is apparent that this coin was cleaned in the distant past, as the surfaces show myriad lines from cleaning with a light abrasive. Over the last 57 years the coin has toned back with magnificent rainbow colors around the periphery of each side, while the centers are still untuned. Minor surface scratches can be seen with a glass and there are some tiny pits at the center of the obverse. Struck from clashed dies, as are all, with minor weakness on the eagle.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,800

Purchased by Dr. Benson on February 22, 1945 from Ira S. Reed for \$20.

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1797 Half Dime from the World's Greatest Collection



Enlarged

- 339 1797. 16 stars, LM-2, V-4, Rarity-4. From the "World's Greatest Collection" sale of 1945. PCGS graded AU-55. First of all, this coin is extraordinary, the surfaces don't show wear and we would not at all be surprised to see this coin graded higher in the future, and well it should. As to the strike, we note full curls on Liberty's upper head, but ever-present weakness is located at the center below Liberty's ear. Sharp on the stars, date and periphery. On the reverse, we see clashed dies, which show fine wavy lines above the eagle from Liberty's hair, and the outline of her bust on the upper right of the reverse. The eagle has the usual mushy strike, with most of the wing feathers clear, but the breast and thigh feathers flat. However, the eagle does have a nice head, with a strong tongue and partial eye visible. If you love toned coins, then take a look at this one, the periphery is alive with dark gold, red and blue shades over the lustrous fields and devices, while the centers are still white. There is a trivial dark area on the palm leaves below the M of AMERICA and this will help serve to identify this coin in the future.

This pair of dies clashed very early and both the obverse and reverse show strong clash marks, further the reverse die cracked through the E of UNITED when it was paired with a 15 star obverse earlier, so all coins of this variety have that particular die crack on the reverse. Further, the reverse die shows rust around the periphery, an indication of improper storage (not enough grease) in the humid Philadelphia air. This is a fairly early die state for this variety.

Over the years, a great many coin auction sales have taken place, few can stand the test of time as truly historic memorable collections. The collection, or perhaps "hoard", of F.C.C. Boyd was one of those truly memorable events. His collection was catalogued and sold by Numismatic Gallery in several parts, and this part of the auction took place in May, 1945. Most of the coins were separated long ago from their pedigrees, but a few of the coins in this collection were purchased directly at the sale by Ira S. Reed, acting as agent for Dr. Benson, and the original auction paper envelope is included with the coins confirming this illustrious pedigree. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From the Dr. Benson Collection, and purchased by his agent Ira S. Reed at the World's Greatest Collection Sale, Numismatic Gallery, May 12, 1945, for \$31.00 with envelope flip included.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 340 1797. 13 Stars, LM-4, Valentine-1, Rarity-6. Sharpness of VF-35 but porosity on the obverse and with a bend on the rim. This particular coin boasts well struck devices and even breast feathers on the eagle. However, the surfaces have been cleaned, and we note an area of porosity up from the rim at the date through most of Liberty, and this is likely some sort of post minting damage. There is a mark on Liberty's cheek, and the edge is slightly bent along the lower right of the obverse. We also see a minor tick between the AT of STATES on the reverse. A coin that could be retoned and made to look more natural. Rare and seldom offered in high grades, this one should be carefully viewed by prospective buyers.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250

From Superior Stamp & Coin Company's Steinberg Sale, September 1996, lot 378.

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An 1800 Half Dime From The "World's Greatest Collection"



Enlarged

- 341 1800. LM-1, V-1, Rarity-3. PCGS graded MS-63. This is the commonest variety of 1800 half dime. Frosty luster in the fields which boasts rich blue and gold shades on both sides. Note the splashes of gold on the left and right side of the obverse, while the central area remains a beautiful shade of blue. As to the strike, it is full and complete on the obverse, with strong stars and sharp curls on Liberty. Similar on the reverse, with strong device detail on the eagle and lettering, and the only weakness is on the upper right clouds and a couple of the stars, as usually seen on this variety. The dies both show light clash marks. One tiny scratch is seen from the left side of the first T of STATES down to the star below, and there is a minor planchet line below Liberty's bust, likely where something was on the planchet when it was struck. A magnificent coin that will certainly be the highlight of an advanced half dime collection. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$8,000-10,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from the "World's Greatest Collection", Numismatic Gallery, May 11, 1945, lot 198 with envelope included.



Enlarged

- 342 1800. LM-1, V-1, Rarity-3. PCGS graded AU-58. This one is nearly mint state, and has deep blue toning with bright silver at the center in the shape of an eye on both sides. The surfaces are clean, with no problem marks or blemishes. One tiny scrape past the last A of AMERICA and another touching the top two arrowhead into the field above will serve to identify this stunning coin. Boldly struck and well balanced, the dies show minor clash marks, and the luster is abundant throughout. Not a particularly rare coin, but certain to please the specialist in early silver. A lot of flash for the cash. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and probably purchased in the 1940s.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 343** 1800. "LIBERTY", LM-3, V-2, Rarity-4. PCGS graded AU-55. Deep blue, green and yellow toning on the obverse, lighter on the reverse, where the coin is white save for peripheral blue shades. Nicely struck by the dies, with full stars and curls on the obverse, and the usual die flaw on the reverse below the eagle's beak. Minor hairlines from handling and circulation, with a faint cluster left of the date. Excellent luster and surfaces, and worth a strong bid for the colorful toning and curious broken "R" punch on the obverse. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and probably purchased in the 1940s.

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Nearly Mint 1801 Draped Bust Half Dime



Enlarged

- 344** 1801. LM-2, V-1 (or V-2), Rarity-4. AU-55. This coin is stunning for the grade. We note a minor planchet flaw from the rim to the third star, which does not affect the reverse. Naturally, such flaws are common on early coinage, and are reminders of the primitive equipment and difficult times facing the Mint, especially so in 1801 when the Senate nearly voted it out of existence! In the toning department, this one has beautiful golden-gray shades with blue luster throughout, and lighter shades at the center of the reverse. Few marks are worthy of note, the most obvious identifier is the planchet flaw, and we also note a hidden scrape on the inside of stars ten and eleven, and a few very minor handling marks on Liberty's head and curls. On the reverse we note a tiny horizontal scratch right of the shield in the eagle's wing, and another small tick below and right of the scroll end below the ME of AMERICA. There are scattered handling marks and hairlines, none of consequence.

An early die state, struck soon after the obverse die clashed with the reverse, leaving the shield lines above the back of Liberty's head, and long before the obverse die cracked. Slightly off-center, with areas of the dentils weak, others very sharp, as the dies were probably not quite lined up in perfect horizontal fashion in the press. Mint-fresh luster and a coin that will dazzle the advanced numismatist for many decades to come.

Much research has been done over the last decade on 1801 half dimes. Valentine probably knew of only one variety, although he reported two, it now appears to be a case of a heavily lapped obverse die. An intense study of dozens of 1801 half dimes was been conducted by Jules Reiver and Ed Price, who have concluded that both Valentine-1 and Valentine-2 were struck with the same pair of dies, and thus are the same variety, but vastly different die states. Their findings were published in the John Reich Journal, and copies would happily be provided to the buyer of this lot. A third variety, Valentine-3 (LM-1) has been well documented and remains very rare with just a few specimens known. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and likely purchased in the 1940s although no specific pedigree information was found with this particular coin.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 345 1805. LM-1, V-1, Rarity-4. AU-50.** As a date, the 1805 half dime is highly desirable. The reported mintage of 15,600 leaves precious few for collectors today. To find a high grade example is nearly impossible. In particular, this coin has frosty luster, deep blue and gold toning around the rims, and has the typical strike (weak on Liberty's bust). One tiny drill mark is noted on the second T of STATES, but this is not too distracting, and microscopic in size. We also note two minor scratches below the lower curl of Liberty, left of the date. On the edge of the coin, we note reeding on the left side of the obverse, none on the right side, perhaps the coin was not aligned in the Castaing machine when the edge reeding was applied, and only half the coin lined up on the edge die. Irregular reeding is not that uncommon on these early small silver coins. As a date, 1805 is difficult to obtain above EF condition, and the opportunity to purchase such a wonderful toned example of this rare date should not be missed. In a review of the PCGS Population Report, the finest 1805 half dime graded is AU-58, and only a total of 3 coins have been graded as high as AU-50! The significance of this lustrous AU coin can not be overstated.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from Macallister on March 17, 1945 as "Uncirculated" for \$220, and previously in a Wayne Raymond Sale, lot 501.



Enlarged

- 346 1805. LM-1, Valentine-1, Rarity-4. VG-8.** Medium steel gray in color and decent for the moderate grade assigned. A few stray surface marks, and weakly struck on the bust and eagle, as always seen.
- Estimated Value \$600-700

From Stack's sale, June 1989, Lot 1217.

Capped Bust Half Dimes

Rare Proof 1829 Capped Bust Half Dime



Enlarged

- 347 1829 V-12, LM-13.1. R-6 as a Proof. NGC graded Proof 64.** After 24 years half dime production resumed in 1829, and several proofs were struck from various dies. This particular variety is not reported in Breen's Encyclopedia on Proofs, but is noted in the recent Logan-McCloskey variety reference work as being represented by proof and business strike coins. Toned a very deep blue in color with clean surfaces and excellent eye appeal. Identifiable by a small lint mark that extends up from the front tip of the headband curling back above the cap towards the rim. This one did not come with a pedigree, and we've found these early proofs extremely difficult to trace to prior sales, as photography and printing have both advanced substantially, as well as values, in the last few decades. In NGC holder #259896-015. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$8,000-10,000

Possibly one of 2 offered in Heritage's FUN sale, 1/99:6382, 6383.



Enlarged

- 348 1829. LM-18, V-1b, Rarity-5. PCGS graded AU-58.** This is a very scarce die variety that is seldom available in any grade. Note that this is an early die state and the crack through the third and fourth star has barely started. Minor circulation marks in the fields, and delightful deep blue around the rims fading to bright gold at the centers. Lustrous and well preserved, a true variety collector will certainly appreciate the condition and rarity of this coin. Currently in the top half dozen known of the variety, and well worth a premium as such.
- Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased April 3, 1944 from James G. Macallister as Uncirculated for \$1.50.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 349 1829. LM-4, V-13, Rarity-3. EF-45.** Probably cleaned years ago, as we see minor hairlines in the fields, but now toned with desirable and lovely deep blue and gold around the periphery of the obverse and reverse.
Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection, and purchased on November 22, 1944 from B. Max Mehl for \$1.45 as "Uncirculated".

Superb Gem Proof 1830 Capped Bust Half Dime



Enlarged

- 350 1830 V-5, LM-9.1, R-7. NGC graded Proof 66.** An extremely rare coin in Proof, only a few are known, and to find one in such superlative condition is simply amazing. Only 3 have been graded by the two grading services, this is the finest seen, with PCGS having one as PR-65, and NGC has another as PF-64. The surfaces are bright and flashy, with a touch of gold to show some age, and each of the devices is well frosted. Perhaps traceable by a tiny speck at the rim just left of the date, and a bit more golden toning on the reverse. In NGC holder #564264-004. Deeply mirrored fields provide the contrast which makes these proofs so distinctive, and this coin boasts abundant eye appeal.

Curiously, these early proofs were hit or miss. Some years, like 1829, quite a few were coined, PCGS estimates 30, then in 1830 mintages really tailed off, with perhaps 10 struck at most. Dies were simply polished up and a proof coin or two was stamped out. In this case, the reverse die already showed signs of wear when this proof was coined, with the tops of S1 and S2 both filled, as well as the left side of the M, and rim crumbling is noted near the arrowheads. The obverse die appears to be an early die state, and Liberty herself is well frosted and shows faint die lines that would soon be worn away as more coins were struck. Well mirrored fields and a true connoisseurs coin. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$25,000-30,000

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Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 351 1830. LM-1.2, V-10, Rarity-4. PCGS graded MS-62.** Not only is this a beautiful coin, but the die state is fascinating. Bright luster is enhanced by vibrant peripheral shades of blue and gold, while the centers are white. Minor handling marks, expected for the grade. As to the die state, the obverse die has a light crack through Liberty's head and up above her cap (as seen on LM-2), and the reverse has several cracks, with die sections loose through MER and above IC in AMERICA. We also note a healthy lump (sinking in the die) on the eagle's wing below CA, which is very similar in appearance to the 1855 "knob ear" large cent. Truly one for the collector to enjoy and study.
Estimated Value \$300-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 352 1831. LM-6, V-1, Rarity-1. PCGS graded AU-55.** Good luster, color and surfaces. Both dies show clash marks, but are fairly early die states.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for a \$1.45 as "uncirculated".

- 353 1832. LM-3, V-1, Rarity-1. AU-50.** Cleaned long ago, but still lustrous and mostly white. One small surface disturbance near the denomination by the rim on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$1.25.



Enlarged

- 354 1833. LM-4.1, V-3, Rarity-2. PCGS graded AU-55.** An average strike with minor weakness on the eagle, but nice color at the rims. Minor handling marks expected from circulation.
Estimated Value \$160-175

From the Benson collection and purchased in a large group of half dimes from J. G. Macallister on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 355 1834. LM-2, V-1, Rarity-1. PCGS graded MS-63.** This choice coin is prooflike in the fields and is toned with magnificent deep gray, green, gold and blue. Minor handling marks from a higher grade, but certain to please. These dies produced proof examples, and this coin is from an early die state, so the dies retained some of their proof mirroring when this was struck, especially on the reverse. This one has enough mirror finish to possibly be a proof, so inspection recommended. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$500-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 356 1835. Large date and 5c, LM-7, V-4, Rarity-3. MS-60+.** Toned with deep and questionable gray colors on both sides, although the luster seems undisturbed. Perhaps this one was exposed to a few too many Philadelphia summers in the past. Nicely struck, with sharp stars and curls on Liberty. A scarce die marriage, and probably could be improved.
Estimated Value \$200-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister for \$1.50 around 1944.



Enlarged

- 357 1835. Small date, large 5c, LM-8.1, V-5, Rarity-2. PCGS graded AU-58.** Nearly mint state, with dark peripheral toning and luster in the fields. Struck from clashed dies.
Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister for \$1.50 probably around 1944.

Half Dimes

The Eliasberg Proof 1836 Capped Bust Half Dime



Enlarged

- 358 1836. The Eliasberg Coin. Large 5¢ V-5, LM-1-1, R-5. NGC graded Proof 66.** This coin is simply stunning to behold. The head of Liberty is toned a light silvery gray, while the surrounding fields are varying hues of blue, green and rich gold colors, as you near the rim. Similar toning on the reverse, with deeper colors near the rim, mottled gold at the centers and on the eagle. As to the strike, it is extremely sharp, and the fields are well mirrored including between the shield lines on the reverse. The only part of the field that is not mirrored is a small area which extends up from the left wing of the eagle to the scroll below the first U of PLURIBUS, and this part of the reverse die has clashed with the obverse, the shape of area is from Liberty's bust. Bowers and Merena, when they catalogued the fabulous Louis Eliasberg Collection in 1996, noted that this coin was a "possible proof" and graded it MS-65, prooflike. They also noted that Walter Breen, in his Proof Encyclopedia, noted that he had examined this coin and considered it to be a proof. NGC agreed, and they have graded it as PF-66. As to the rarity, both PCGS and NGC have each graded 1 coin, both as PR-66 (possibly the same coin, although we have no information to back this up). Regardless of the grade, this is a fantastic coin which will surely delight the most advanced specialist for its superlative surfaces, strong strike and alluring color.

As a die state, this early reverse use is quite rare. The reverse die has cracked through the T of UNITED to the scroll, and another crack extends between the D and S from the scroll. Thus, despite these cracks this is an *early* reverse die state, and precious few are known. Soon after this coin was struck, this section of the die became loose, and formed a retained cud. In one of those curious events, more 1835 half dimes were struck after this retained cud formed, as well as more 1836 half dimes, proving once again that the Mint didn't always pay attention to the dates on dies, but simply used them until they fell apart or the design changed. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$25,000-30,000

From Bowers & Merena's Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr., collection, Part 1, May 1996, lot 934.

- 359 1836. Small 5¢, LM-4, V-2, Rarity-2. PCGS graded AU-50.** Deep smoky blue-gray toning throughout, and one spot below the last star. Probably cleaned decades ago, with resulting hair-lines on the surfaces.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from J.G. Macallister for \$1.50 around 1944.

not as nice

- 360 1836. 3 over inverted 3, LM-3, V-4, Rarity-1. PCGS graded AU-55.** Minor circulation marks, and a tiny pit on Liberty's cheek, but wonderful toning on both sides. Early die state, but a touch weak on the curl over Liberty's ear and on the left wing of the eagle. If you like toned coins, you'll love this piece, otherwise you should collect something else altogether!
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from J.G. Macallister at \$1.50, around 1944.



Enlarged

- 361 1837. Large 5¢, LM-1, V-3, R-1. AU-50.** Lovely peripheral toning of deep blue and gold, with the centers bright and un-toned. Probably cleaned decades ago, like everything else, but not enough to harm it. Nicely struck.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased on November 7, 1944 in a large group of half dimes from J. G. Macallister for \$80.00.

Half Dimes

Liberty Seated Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 362 **1837. No stars, small date. MS-64.** A curious coin, the surfaces have good luster and lovely color, but we note some light hairlines from a past cleaning. Many were saved as the first of their kind, and popular for the no stars obverse type, which lasted just two partial years. Deep blue around the rims, and lighter at the centers. Sharply impressed and desirable.

Estimated Value \$800-1,000

From the Benson collection and likely purchased in the mid 1940s.



Enlarged

- 363 **1837. No stars, small date. PCGS graded AU-58.** Dark blue-gray toning on both sides and well struck by the dies. Minor handling marks, and a few faint hairline scratches, one below IME on the reverse, and others in the fields. The first year of the new type, and always in demand for the no stars design. Still a very nice coin indeed.

Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 7, 1944 as "uncirculated" for \$2.50.



Enlarged

- 364 **1837. No stars, large date. PCGS graded MS-63.** Deep blue around the edge, and glowing gold for the balance in the color range, and full luster in the fields. Well struck and quite beautiful.

Estimated Value \$650-750

From the Benson collection and purchased April 3, 1944 from J. G. Macallister for \$2.00.

Rare Choice Mint State 1838-O No Stars Half Dime



Enlarged

- 365 **1838-O. No stars. PCGS graded MS-63.** One of the finest known of this rare date, mintages plunged to 70,000 pieces from the New Orleans Mint for 1838, and few were saved in high grade. In fact, PCGS has only graded 2 coins this high, with a single coin graded higher (MS-64)! This one has deep blue and gold toning on both sides, and excellent surfaces for the grade. Struck from a rusted obverse die, as were most, with the digits somewhat moth eaten in appearance. As Breen notes, "grade by surfaces and reverse only". An opportunity for the advanced numismatist to nab a truly rare coin in this grade.

Estimated Value \$5,000-6,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed via Wayte Raymond on December 27, 1945 for \$2.50.

Blazing Gem 1838 No Drapery Half Dime



Enlarged

- 366 **1838. Stars, no drapery. PCGS graded MS-66.** A stunning, magnificent gem that boasts deep blue shades around the periphery, while the centers are blast white luster. Examination with a glass will note a couple of tiny contact marks, one near her hand on the pole, the other at the top of the shield. Well struck, and exceptional quality for the issue. An amazing coin in every way. PCGS has graded 9 this high, with a scant 2 graded higher.

Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$1.10 a long time ago.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 367 1838. Stars, no drapery. PCGS graded AU-55. Steel gray and quite nice for the grade. Note the die crack from the rim through the last star towards Liberty's knee. Excellent surface quality under the toning.

Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection and purchased sometime in the 1940s.

Deep Blue 1839 Liberty Seated Half Dime in Gem



Enlarged

- 368 1839. PCGS graded MS-66. Toned a deep blue and rose color on the obverse, the reverse lighter gold in color with full luster. Well struck and scarce this nice, with 11 so graded and 4 graded higher by PCGS. This coin, like all the other Benson coins, have been off the market for a very long time. Quality of this magnitude must be seen to be believed. One would think this was a late date Walking Liberty half dollar to be in this grade, but when you realize this coin was struck in 1839, wow. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$1.25 as Uncirculated, many decades ago.

- 369 1839-O. AU-50. Shattered reverse die. This coin has nice peripheral toning of many shades on the obverse, on the reverse a more stoic blue tone near the rims. Examination of the rim notes a couple of irregular places in the reeding, and we suspect this coin may have been used as jewelry in the distant past. As to the surfaces, they also show scuffs and other general contact marks from circulation. With a glass, the collector will note the 1 is sharply recut low. The reverse, however, is where the fireworks are; there are no less than six radial cracks from the edge towards the center, two of which bisect the coin, and others form branches. Needless to say, this coin will delight specialists, despite its minor problems.

Estimated Value \$150-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 370 1840. No drapery. MS-60+. Choice color and surfaces, this one boasts a crisp strike on the stars and Liberty, and lovely yellow and blue shades on both sides, which highlight the devices. Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 371 1840-O. No drapery. PCGS graded MS-64. One of the finest known apparently, at least one of the finest graded by PCGS, which in their Population Reports notes just 2 coins graded this high, with none graded higher! The obverse is well struck, and we note each star is full, Liberty too, is well rounded in her am- pleness. As to the toning, it is magnificent, with rose-red shades at the centers, and blue at the rims. On the reverse, we note a sharp strike on all but the left side of the bow, and minor radial die cracks extend from the rim towards the center in at least six places (this is not the same die that was used to strike the 1839-O a few lots back, but both are completely shattered). Struck from heavily clashed dies (both). A low mintage date that is seldom found in mint state, especially this nice.

Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on December 5, 1945 for \$5.00.



Enlarged

- 372 1840. Drapery. EF-40. This one has light scratches on the obverse, mostly on the upper right, but is toned with stunning rainbow concentric circles on the obverse, more silvery-gray on the reverse with flecks of blue and yellow. Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 373 1840-O. Drapery. PCGS graded AU-50.** This is an extremely rare coin in high grade. PCGS has seen 3 in this grade, with 3 graded AU-55 above, and a single coin above that at MS-63. PCGS has graded 15 examples in all, which reflects the rarity of this date. We note light surface scratches left and below the date and the obverse fields may have been carefully smoothed many years ago. Struck adequately by the dies, and we note luster in the fields especially near the devices. A serious date collector would do well to secure a specimen of this date when offered, as it may be some time before another turns up. The last offered we could find was Stack's 1/97, lot 499 as "choice BU", just over five years ago! Don't miss out on this rarity.
Estimated Value \$600-800

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on December 5, 1945 for \$10.00.



Enlarged

- 374 1841. AU-55.** Great luster and color here, with light sky blue on the obverse, and silvery-gray on the reverse. Light friction on the highest points of the design. A well struck example of this early date.
Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

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- 375 1841-O. PCGS graded AU-55.** This is a sweet little coin that boasts delicate dark gold toning around the devices and a hint of wear at the centers. On the reverse we see a splash of mottled blue toning at the center, and nice luster beneath. The reverse is struck from clashed and worn die, while the obverse appears new and lightly clashed. One would guess that this particular reverse die spent a long summer submerged in the humid climate of New Orleans, as the lettering and surfaces appear rusted on the die, and cracks have formed from the rim to the left side of the U, through the I of AMERICA and below the wreath, as well as through the tops of most of the legend. Quality control was a challenged at the time, apparently. Scarce in this grade, with a dozen graded higher by PCGS.
Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed who was his agent at Numismatic Gallery's "World's Greatest Collection" sale, April, 1945, lot 288 for \$5.50 with envelope included.



Enlarged

- 376 1842. MS-60+.** Frosty and bright, we note the surfaces are full of luster and toned with deep blue and central red circles, while the periphery is light gold. The reverse has tawny-gold around the rims, while the centers are white. Crisply struck by the dies, and the reverse die is clearly shattered with multiple radial cracks present.
Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

- 377 1842-O. PCGS graded EF-40.** One of the key dates to the Seated Liberty half dime series, this coin boasts clean surfaces and light silver gray toning. Minor weakness in the strike is present on a few of the upper leaves on the wreath. A coin that any collector will enjoy. Early die state on both dies.
Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ben's Stamp & Coin Co., 8/16/46 for \$5.00.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 378 1844 V-3, Repunched date. PCGS graded MS-62.** Frosty luster beneath an overlay of tawny-gold colors. Well struck by the dies, with sharp stars and devices. Note the clean surfaces, and this coin is certainly very nice for the assigned grade.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

Key Date 1844-O Liberty Seated Half Dime In Mint State



Enlarged

- 379 1844-O. PCGS graded MS-61.** A key date of the Seated half dime series which is rarely encountered in high grade, and almost never in full mint state condition. This one boasts deep blue-gray toning on both sides with hints of luster beneath. Sharply struck by the dies, and well preserved. Identifiable by a curved scratch from Liberty's arm towards the second star then down, and on the reverse by a thin scratch from left of the H of HALF up to the first T of STATES. PCGS has graded 2 this high, with just 3 graded higher (best MS-65). A condition rarity that is unpriced in the Guide Book as so few are known in mint state. On the reverse, there is a heavy die crack above the ME of AMERICA, and this area above the letters is well on its way to becoming a cud. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed for \$10.00 on December 5, 1945.

- 380 1845 Double Date. PCGS graded AU-58.** Back in the days when Wayte Raymond wrote the *Standard Catalogue Of United States Coins*, which was the equal to the *Guide Book* today, Dr. Benson worked from this reference to build his primary collection. We note that the 1946 Edition of the *Standard Catalogue* notes the 1845 half dime as two entries, one normal date and worth \$2.50 in uncirculated, the other with the "date re-engraved", worth \$6.00 in uncirculated for this variety. PCGS does not mention that this is the Double Date on their insert, and they apparently don't recognize this variety at this time, but it matches the photo in the *Breen Encyclopedia* exactly. Dark blue in color and with no significant handling marks, and very close to mint state.

Estimated Value \$90-110

Purchased by Dr. Benson from J. G. Macallister for \$1.50, likely around 1944.

- 381 1845. PCGS graded AU-55.** Dark steel gray in color and well struck throughout. Minor hairlines in the fields which are toned over.

Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 382 1846. PCGS graded EF-40.** An extremely rare date, only 27,000 were struck and few remain in high grades. In fact, PCGS has only graded 6 this high, with 10 graded higher (best MS-63). Beautiful deep gold and dark blue toning with silvery devices. Nicely struck, and a coin that will no doubt be fought over by experienced collectors.

Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

- 383 1848. Medium date. PCGS graded AU-55.** Lovely color and nice surfaces on this one. A coin most collectors will enjoy. Lightly struck on Liberty's head, with minor weakness at the top, sharper on the stars.

Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

- 384 1848. Medium date. PCGS graded AU-50.** Beautiful gold and blue shades on the obverse especially at the rims. Well struck and preserved.

Estimated Value \$70-90

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

Half Dimes

- 385 1848. Large date, V-1. PCGS graded EF-40.** Toned with deep golden yellow around the edges, lighter at the centers from long National Pages storage. The dime date punch was used on this half dime obverse, with the relatively huge digits all well into the base. This is one of the scarcer varieties of the year. One minor scrape just below the left end of the wreath.
Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

- 386 1848-O. VF-35.** Deep blue and gold in color, with rubbed silver exposed on the high points of the devices. Scarce.
Estimated Value \$30-40

Purchased by Dr. Benson from J. Barnet on 3/16/45 for \$1.25.



Enlarged

- 387 1849. Normal date. NGC graded MS-66.** A simply superb gem specimen. Well struck throughout with immaculate surfaces that radiate with a natural blending of turquoise and light gold. Only 4 examples in this high grade are noted in the NGC population report with only one better.
Estimated Value \$1,200-1,500



Enlarged

- 388 1849. Normal date. MS-60.** Deep blue in color, the centers with a rose hue on the obverse, the reverse lighter, with strong luster in the fields. A few minor handling marks.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

- 389 1849. Repunched date. PCGS graded EF-40.** The 49 both show repunching low. Deeply toned with blue, gold and rose shades in the fields, lighter on the devices. Nicely struck and well preserved.
Estimated Value \$30-40

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 390 1849-O. PCGS graded AU-58.** A scarce date in high grade, this one is especially close to mint state, and many would feel that it qualifies at that level. PCGS notes 3 graded as such, with just 7 graded higher (best MS-64). Deep blue and lilac toning on both sides, perfectly balanced. One small field tick near the third star on the inside. Unpriced in the *Guide Book* in Uncirculated, as so few are reported in or near that grade.
Estimated Value \$500-600

Purchased by Dr. Benson on December 5, 1945 from an unknown source for \$20.

- 391 1851. PCGS graded AU-53.** Mauve and blue tones on each side, and ample luster in the fields. Nicely struck by the dies and satisfying in every way.
Estimated Value \$80-90

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

- 392 1851-O. EF-40.** Beautiful colors throughout, although minor hairlines can be seen. Clean for the grade, and sharp.
Estimated Value \$70-90

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

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Gem Proof 1852 Liberty Seated Half Dime



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- 393 1852. PCGS graded Proof 66. Superb Gem Proof!** This coin is very likely the finest known example of this date, it is the finest graded by PCGS (by 2 points), and a point better than any reported by NGC. Although the mintage is unknown, PCGS estimates that 10 were struck in Proof, which agrees with Breen. Combined, PCGS and NGC report 8 graded in all as Proofs, and this includes the Eliasberg coin, which was conservatively catalogued as Prooflike Mint State in that 1996 sale, but has since been NGC graded Proof 65. Simply stated, this is a magnificent coin, the devices are toned an enchanting rose gold in color, while the surrounding fields are bluish gray. On the reverse, the devices are fiery gold while the fields are a dove gray. As to the variety, this is Valentine-3, with the date punched high and slanting down to the right. Perfectly centered and struck, with each star and device bold. Heavy die polishing lines can be seen on the obverse. Identifiable by a tiny planchet line (adjustment mark or roller line?) through the lower right foot and serif of the A in HALF. Nearly perfect in condition, and a prize for the advanced numismatist. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000

From the Benson collection and purchased on September 12, 1945 from James Kelly for \$20.

- 394 1852. EF-40.** Magnificent toning on the obverse, lighter silver gray on the reverse.
- Estimated Value \$30-40

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

- 395 1852-O. PCGS graded AU-53.** Steel gray in color, and well preserved. A couple of minor ticks are noted left and above the mintmark. There are minor small stains on the obverse.
- Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson collection and purchased on December 5, 1945 from Ira S. Reed for \$9.



Enlarged

- 396 1853. No arrows. PCGS graded EF-45.** Only 135,000 coined in February 1853, and most of these were melted soon after coining with the reduction of the silver content which went into effect on April 1, 1853. One minor scratch in the right obverse field. Bright silver at the centers, dark rings of gold, blue and green around the periphery.
- Estimated Value \$130-160

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source, likely in the mid 1940s.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 397 1853-O. No arrows. EF-40.** One of the classic rarities of series, the 1853-O no arrows were coined to the tune of 160,000, but most were melted. Breen, in his Encyclopedia estimated that there were "at least 3, possibly 5 Uncs., about 5 others EF-AU". The dates are always weak, no exception here, and we note a shallow scrape down the 1, further weakening it. Toned with a rich rainbow of colors around the periphery, light silvery gray at the centers. This one is probably in the top dozen or so known, and a beautiful, original example it is. Perfect for the date collector who wants a really choice coin for the grade.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.

- 398 1853-O. No Arrows. Fine-15.** As always, the date is weak on this coin, and this is how they were struck. We note light surface scratches, some in the right obverse field. Pale steel gray in color and rare coin in any grade.
Estimated Value \$200-250



Enlarged

- 399 1853. Arrows. MS-64 or better.** Excellent surfaces and luster on both sides and well struck. We note that both dies show clash marks. Toned around the rim with light gold and quite well preserved. An important type coin for the numismatist.
Estimated Value \$500-600



Enlarged

- 400 1853. Arrows. PCGS graded AU-58.** Mottled gray, green and blue toning on the obverse, and similar on the reverse, although there are some darker stains there. One thin hairline through the lower left obverse.

One of the areas of numismatics which is seldom discussed is the staggering spread in prices through the about uncirculated grades. When a coin, such as the 1853 with arrows half dime, catalogs for \$40 in EF, and just a shade less than \$200 in MS-60, how does one value an AU-58? Arriving at the market value is always difficult, but eye appeal is often the driving factor after the technical grade is assigned. All collectors should at least have a grasp on the wide spreads in price for similar grade coins, as factors such as eye appeal and pedigree come into play. This will certainly be true as these stunning Benson coins cross the auction block. We won't be surprised to see many seemingly common coins bring runaway prices when this old time collection finally crosses the block.

Estimated Value \$95-110

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister 2/18/45 for \$7.50 and previously from Wayte Raymond, with an envelope stamped "516", possibly a lot number.



Enlarged

- 401 1853. Arrows. PCGS graded AU-58.** Frosty luster in the fields and this one might have just a whisper of wear of the high points. If only all AU-58 coins looked this nice! A splendid example for the with arrows type.
Estimated Value \$95-110

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 402 **1853-O. Arrows. PCGS graded MS-64.** Frosty luster and well struck for this date. Bluish gray toning on both sides, mostly at the peripheries. PCGS notes 9 graded this high, with 11 graded higher for this date (best MS-66).

Blame it on California. Yes, by 1853 the virtual flood of gold pouring into New York and other cities from the California gold rush, had driven down the price of gold, which was priced in dollars. As a result, the price of silver, reckoned in gold dollars, actually increased by comparison. In short order, the value of silver coins exceeded face value, and massive meltings occurred. No one quite understood what to do about the complete lack of silver coins in circulation (aside from the debased and low value 3 cent silver pieces, which contained far less than 3 cents in silver value). At last, Mint Director George Eckert proposed reducing the silver content of each dollar worth of coins from 412.5 grains to 384 grains, a bewildered Congress agreed, and President Millard Fillmore signed into law the authorization on February 21, 1853. Eckert had no time to prepare new designs, yet it was absolutely essential to distinguish the reduced weight coins from the prior heavier silver coins. Eckert hatched a plan to put arrows on each side of the date, and ordered Longacre to prepare dies as quickly as possible for half dimes through half dollars. Inexplicably, the silver dollar was not included in the silver weight reduction (Breen).

Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

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Rare Proof 1854 Liberty Seated Half Dime



Enlarged

- 403 **1854. PCGS graded Proof 64.** An extremely rare early proof issue, PCGS estimates that 15 were struck, 13 of which they have graded as follows; PR-63 3 coins; PR-64 7 coins; and PR-65 3 coins. This coin falls solidly in the middle of those known. Steel gray in color on the obverse, more golden gray on the reverse. Perfectly struck and well preserved, with few signs of handling whatsoever. Identifiable by a minor lint mark (as struck) which extends upwards from the left loop of the bow on the right side, up the left leg of the M of DIME, through the L and into the top left serif of the F in HALF. A rare opportunity for the specialist.

Estimated Value \$9,000-10,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Dr Mann on April 28, 1945 for \$20.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 404 1854. PCGS graded MS-62.** Bright and lustrous throughout, with boldly struck devices. Generally untuned save for a dollop of gold below the last star, and a bit more near the peripheries with tiny specks on the obverse. One tiny scrape in the left obverse field, and trivial weakness on the left ribbon bow probably account for the grade. We expect anyone who buys this coin to be very satisfied.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 405 1854. PCGS graded AU-53.** One of the prettiest half dimes in the sale, this one boasts colorful rainbow toning around the edges, and frosty luster at the centers. The reverse die is strongly clashed, with the outline of Liberty in the wreath.
Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed for 75¢ in the mid 1940s as "Unc."

- 406 1854-O. EF-40.** Flecks of darker tones around the rims, with pretty green and gold around the edges, silver at the centers. Nicely struck by the dies, and scarce.
Estimated Value \$30-40

From the Benson collection and likely purchased from Ira S. Reed or James McCallister in the mid 1940s at a price of 75¢.

- 407 1855. MS-63.** Dipped and still bright, but with most of luster present. The reverse has a horizontal crack spanning the die, and strong clash marks can be seen on both sides.
Estimated Value \$200-225



Enlarged

- 408 1855. PCGS graded AU-55.** Strong luster in the fields, and well struck from an obverse die that has a nice bisecting horizontal crack. Gold toning with iridescent highlights around the periphery. Exceptional quality for the grade.
Estimated Value \$90-110

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 409 1855-O. PCGS graded AU-58.** This coin was purchased at Kosoff/Kreisberg's Numismatic Gallery sale of The World's Greatest Collection. In that sale, the cataloger's graded this as "Extremely Fine" and estimated the value to be \$1.50. The coin sold for \$2.50 at that sale to Dr. Benson, and the original envelope is included with this lot.

As to the variety, this is V-1a, with a healthy die crack through stars eight to thirteen, with a lighter crack through the first seven stars to Liberty's head. Lumps are noted on Liberty's cap, and there is die rust on some of the stars on the right. The date and right arrow are weak, probably due to die lapping. Toned with deep blue and gold on the obverse, the center bright white with the reverse with light gold around the edge, and mostly white. A rare coin in or approaching mint state, and expect a battle when this sparkling little jewel crosses the block.
Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased directly from Numismatic Gallery's sale of the "World's Greatest Collection" May 11, 1945, with envelope included from that sale.

- 410 1856. MS-60.** Frosty luster in the fields and mostly white in color at the centers, while the edges are toned with alluring green and gold hues. Poorly struck at the dentils, but sharp on the central devices. This is an example of the upright 5, curved 6 with an open top variety.
Estimated Value \$100-120

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

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- 411 1856-O. EF-40.** Here is an example of the closed 6, large O variety. Magnificent blue green toning around the periphery, a few minor surface marks too, and typical of the Benson collection.
Estimated Value \$60-70

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 412 1857. NGC graded Proof 65.** A totally white gem proof example with plenty of contrast between the mirror surfaces and frosted devices. Some faint die chip and lint marks can be seen under magnification, these were undoubtedly present when struck. One of only about 70 or so made.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000



Enlarged

- 413 1857. PCGS graded MS-64.** Nearly a gem that boasts full luster, delicate gold to darker shades around the edges, and a decent strike. Scarce, and a lot more expensive any better.
Estimated Value \$450-500
From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl as "Unc." for 75¢.



Enlarged

- 414 1857. MS-63.** Mottled gold and blue toning on both sides, and sharp on the left side, weak on the right, as the dies may have been slightly out of alignment.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 415 1857. MS-63.** Bright and untuned, with strong luster. The planchet shows minor streaks and which caused some weakness on Liberty's head.
Estimated Value \$150-200

The Benson Gem Proof 1858 Liberty Seated Half Dime



Enlarged

- 416 1858. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A superb example of this rare early proof issue, perhaps 100 were coined, and PCGS has graded 10 this high, with a single coin graded higher. This particular coin boasts frosted devices and well mirrored fields. In the toning department, it is truly beautiful, with deep blue and gray around the edges into the fields, and snowy white at the center on the obverse, the reverse similar but with less toning around the edge, and more snowy white areas from the wreath to the center. There is a small area right and below HALF where the mirror surfaces are not complete, as struck, which should help to identify this one. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$4,000-4,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$7.25 probably in the mid 1940s. While we have no substantiation, this may be the Newcomb coin, as Dr. Benson purchased several coins from that collection via various dealers, and it was broken up around the time this collection was formed.

- 417 1858-O. EF-45.** Steel gray with gold around the edges. Minor surface marks left of the date.
Estimated Value \$50-60
From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

- 418 1859-O. PCGS graded AU-55.** Bright at the centers with the periphery toned from long storage in National Pages albums. Sharply struck, with minimal circulation evidence.
Estimated Value \$150-175
From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 419 **1859. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A gorgeous example of this date. Deep blue toning around the rim, with frosty white centers. The reverse is lighter, with gold around the rim. One small planchet flaw is noted through the lower two points of the ninth star to just below the base of Liberty's cap will serve to identify. PCGS notes 21 graded as such, with 9 graded higher (best PR-67). Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$4.20 probably around 1944.

Stunning 1860 Transitional Half Dime, the Coin Without a Country



Enlarged

- 420 **1860. Obverse of 1859, reverse of 1860 (with stars).** Judd-267, Pollock 315, Rarity-4. PCGS graded MS-67. *The coin without a country!* One of the more famous pattern issues, the obverse retains the 1859 and prior design with the stars surrounding Liberty, while the reverse is the new style with the larger wreath, as was adapted in 1860. The problem with the design is, there is no identifying which country issued it! Only 100 were struck, sort of as a pattern issue, but they have been included in all the mainstream collecting references for decades, such as the Guide Book, Breen's Encyclopedia and others. Hence, everyone wants one, and there are precious few to go around. PCGS has graded just 42 of these, and this one sits solidly at the top as MS-67, and is one of 5 seen by that service graded this high. The surfaces are pristine, and the frost literally jumps of the surfaces. Around the edge we note deep blue toning turning to gold through the obverse stars and reverse wreath. The strike is not quite complete on just three of the stars, perhaps because of the wreath on the reverse. One of the most famous of all pattern issues, and always in feverish demand. To find one so fresh and pristine is quite a challenge, and no doubt this one will be snapped up by an eager collector who demands the absolute best available. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$5,000-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on April 2, 1945 for the relatively high price of \$75.00.



Enlarged

- 421 **1860. Legend. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Here is an example of a moderate grade on a really beautiful coin. The obverse has deep blue and gold toning, with the centers bright white, the reverse has similar toning, deep gold at the rims, bright at the centers. Minor handling marks inside the wreath on the reverse, and trivial hairlines from a higher grade. A scarce and early proof issue.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$2.85, probably around 1943/4.



Enlarged

- 422 **1860. Legend. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Deep blue toning with rose highlights at the centers. Minor hairlines account for the grade. One for the toned coin specialist.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed, March 22, 1944 for \$3.50.



Enlarged

- 423 **1860-O. NGC graded MS-63.** Here is a controversial coin, the surfaces are reflective and we note a strong wire edge around most of the obverse and reverse as seen on proof issues. Breen states that 4 proofs are known of this date, the reason they were struck is unknown. Regardless, if this is mint state or proof, it is a beautiful example that boasts deep gray and blue toning on the obverse, and lighter shades on the reverse. Quickly identifiable by a small edge cut or lamination left of the date and a speck near the bottom point of the cap. The mintmark is thin on the left, thicker on right side.
Estimated Value \$250-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 424 **1861. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Extremely pleasing for the grade, with deep blue and green around the rims, brighter at the centers. Minor hairlines account for the grade.

Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$7.00 around 1945.



Enlarged

- 425 **1862. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Hazy golden gray on both sides, with deeper blue around the obverse rim. Boldly struck as expected for a proof, and well frosted on the devices. This appears to be V-3, with the top of the second S in STATES filled. Another magnificent coin for the grade, and one which most collectors will be proud to own for many years to come.

Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$2.10 probably around 1944.



Enlarged

- 426 **1863. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Deep gold and blue in color on the obverse, lighter on the reverse. Sharply impressed and quite appealing for the grade. This is the V-1 variety, with the 18 repunched low. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$500-600

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$3.35 around 1944.

- 427 **1863-S. EF-40.** Golden toning on the obverse, but there are several faint scratches in the fields on the obverse.

Estimated Value \$80-90

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl as "Unc." probably around 1944.



Enlarged

- 428 **1864. PCGS graded Proof 66.** One of the finest graded of this date, PCGS notes 6 this high with a single coin graded higher. Deep blue in the fields, frosty on the devices which also show toning. A superb example for the specialist who demands outstanding quality. Further, this is a rare date with a mintage of just 470 and a low mintage of just 48,000 for circulation. Mintages of both proofs and business strikes plummeted during the dark days of the Civil War. Always popular with collectors, this date is seldom offered in high grades. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$25.00 around 1944.



Enlarged

- 429 **1864-S. PCGS graded AU-58.** Another coin from the famous WGC. This one is a delight, frosty luster with delicate gold around the rims, with ample eye appeal. One tiny planchet lamination at the O in OF will serve to identify. Only 90,000 were struck, and few remain in high grade. This one will no doubt find many suitors.

Estimated Value \$300-400

From the Benson collection and purchased directly from Kosoff's/Kreisberg's Numismatic Gallery's sale of the "World's Greatest Collection", May 11, 1945 as "extremely fine" for \$7.50 with envelope included.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 430 1865. PCGS graded Proof 66.** One of the finest graded by PCGS, which reports 10 this high and none graded higher! Superb deep blue around the rims, fading to gold, then white at the centers. Deeply frosted devices, and wonderfully preserved. Only 500 minted, with an additional 13,000 business strikes, combine to make this one of the lowest mintage years of all Half Dimes. Don't miss this one if you love toned proofs. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$7.35 around 1944.

- 431 1865-S. PCGS graded AU-50.** Flashy gold toning around the rims, bright white at the centers. Sharp for this date, and struck from clashed dies, with cracks on either side of the mintmark to the rim.

Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 9, 1945 for \$2.50.



Enlarged

- 432 1866. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Deep blue, green and russet toning rather heavy on the obverse, the reverse lighter and more flashy. 725 were struck, and this is a nice choice example.

Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$4.00 around 1944.



Enlarged

- 433 1866-S. AU-55.** Deep orange gold in color with blue arcs of color near the rims, with darker specks on either side. The color is certainly unusual, even for a Benson coin. One faint scratch below the mintmark. As to the strike, it is sharp in areas, weak in others, as the dies may not have quite been aligned when this one was coined.

Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on December 5, 1945 for \$9.00.



Enlarged

- 434 1867. PCGS graded Proof 65.** An exceptional example of this scarce date, only 625 were coined in proof, and just 8,000 were coined for circulation. Of these, PCGS has graded 26 this high, with 11 graded higher (best PR-67). Deep blue and gold around the periphery, stone white at the centers, and deeply reflective fields. An opportunity, with quintessential "Benson" toning.

Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$3.40 around 1944.



Enlarged

- 435 1867-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Bright with luster and lightly toned with splashes of gold colors on the obverse, even brighter on the reverse. Nicely preserved, and with full details on Liberty's head and weakness on the dentils near the rims. A rare coin in mint state, PCGS notes only 4 graded as such, with 10 graded higher. Another opportunity to purchase a coin with a wonderful pedigree from the WGC.

Estimated Value \$700-800

From the Benson collection and purchased from Kosoff/Kreisberg's sale of The World's Greatest Collection, May 11, 1945, lot 309 for \$6.00, with envelope included.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 436 1868. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Beautiful blue toning at the rims and well frosted at the centers. Minor hairlines must account for the grade. Only 600 were struck in Proof, and this one is quite nice for the grade.

Estimated Value \$400-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister on November 29, 1944 for \$2.50.



Enlarged

- 437 1869. PCGS graded Proof 67.** A nearly perfect example of this date, this one boasts deep gold and blue around the edges and snow white frost at the center. PCGS has only graded 2 this high, with a single coin graded higher. Only 600 were coined, and this is certainly one of the finest to survive. Further, this coin has been off the market for about 55 years! If you demand an exceptional coin of this rare date, then bid accordingly.

Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl for \$2.45 around 1945.



Enlarged

- 438 1869. PCGS graded Proof 66.** A dazzling superb gem proof example. The natural toning is exquisite featuring mellow lavender in the centers, surrounded by turquoise with golden-russet iridescence around the outer margins. This little jewel is certainly one of the more eye-catching Seated Liberty Half Dimes from a mintage of only 600 coined.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,600



Enlarged

- 439 1869-S. AU-55.** A simply stunning example of this date. It was probably cleaned more than half a century ago, and is now toned with deep rainbow hues around the periphery. Well struck by the dies, and we note a fin, or knife rim, around both the obverse and reverse. Scarce this nice.

Estimated Value \$80-90

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Kelly on January 4, 1945 for \$3.50.



Enlarged

- 440 1870. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the 3 finest graded by PCGS, with none graded higher! Superb color and surfaces, the centers are deeply frosted, while the edges are toned with deep rainbow shades. Perfectly struck and preserved, and rare this nice. One of only 1,000 struck, and certainly a contender for the finest of those. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on November 22, 1944 for \$2.65.

- 441 1871-S. PCGS graded EF-45.** Toned with mottled but beautiful gold and green colors on both sides. Lightly circulated and nice for the grade.

Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

Half Dimes



Enlarged

- 442 1872. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Superb blue peripheral toning, fading towards gold, with frosty white at the centers. Perfectly struck and preserved. PCGS notes 20 graded this high, with 5 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$900-1,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on November 22, 1944 for \$1.10 as plain old "Proof".



Enlarged

- 443 1872-S. Mint mark above bow. NGC graded MS-65.** A lovely well struck example with shimmering frosty mint luster. The obverse is overlaid with hues of violet, gold and turquoise, while the reverse is largely untuned with some mottled russet scattered about.
Estimated Value \$750-800



Enlarged

- 444 1872-S. Mint mark above bow. PCGS graded MS-63.** Deep sunset gold toning throughout, with a decent strike and only a couple of faint handling marks.
Estimated Value \$150-170

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Kelly on January 4, 1945 for \$2.00.



Enlarged

- 445 1872-S. Mint mark above bow. PCGS graded AU-58.** Iridescent toning on both sides with just a whisper of rub on the high points. This is one of those AU-63 coins, wonderful surfaces and color, with a couple of tiny areas of friction.
Estimated Value \$60-70

From the Benson collection and purchased from Hollinbeck on December 26, 1944 as "Unc." for \$2.40.



Enlarged

- 446 1872-S. Mint mark below bow. PCGS graded AU-58.** Deep blue gold in toning, and nicely struck by the dies. We note a stain in the upper right obverse, but nice quality for the grade.
Estimated Value \$60-70

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.



Enlarged

- 447 1873. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the finest graded of this date, in fact PCGS has only seen 3 this high with none graded higher. Superb deep blue and green around the rim, with well frosted white centers. An outstanding opportunity for the quality demanding numismatist. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl around 1944 for \$3.45.

Half Dimes and Dimes



Enlarged

- 448 1873. NGC graded MS-67.** A stunning and simply superb gem example. This beauty explodes with color! The centers exhibit pale violet radiating outwards to iridescent deep blue. Not many are going to approach this little jewel in eye appeal. Make sure you see this in person or on the color plate.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



Enlarged

- 449 1873-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Satiny gold in color, with abundant luster in the fields. This is the final year of issue, when Wharton's nickel finally sent this denomination packing, after 7 years of production of both 5 cent nickel coins and half dimes. Starting in 1874, only "nickels" were produced.
Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source for \$1.50 around 1945.

- 450 A small lot of half dimes. The following dates and grades are included: 1843 VF-30, 1844 EF-40, 1847 EF-40 reverse scratch, 1850 VF-30 cleaned and 1850-O EF-40.** A nice lot for the date collector. Lot of 5 coins.
Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00.

- 451 A small group of half dimes. The first coin is an 1857-O VF-20 cleaned, 1863-S VF-20 with unusual color, 1868-S VF-20 cleaned and 1871 EF-40 cleaned.** Still worth inspecting. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$50-70

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. G. Macallister in a large group of half dimes on November 7, 1944 for \$80.00, others from B. Max Mehl.

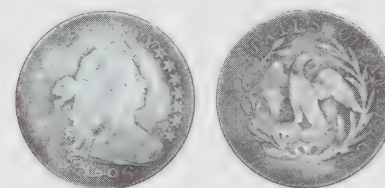
Dimes

Draped Bust Dimes



- 452 1796. JR-3, R-5. Sharpness of EF-45 but damaged.** A rare coin, but the surfaces have been lightly scraped and scratched on both sides. The most apparent area is between D and S of UNITED STATES and again around OF. Most of these surface marks are light, but can easily be seen with a glass. This is a tragedy, as this coin would be a very high grade example of this rare variety, and possibly in the condition census. In addition, there are some adjustment marks on the reverse rim, and it appears that some of the surface scratches were done to reduce these. Light gold to brown toning, and well struck. A later die state with the reverse die cud over the first T of STATES.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on March 31, 1944 as "Unc." for \$50.00



- 453 1796. JR-6, R-3. Almost Good-3.** The left stars are worn to the rim and the tops of UNITED are gone as well. Minute surface scratches on both sides. A filler for the type collector. We note that this is a very late die state.
Estimated Value \$450-500

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Dimes

The Finest PCGS graded 1798, 8 over 7, 16 Stars Reverse

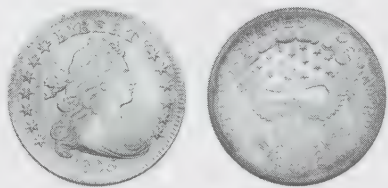


Enlarged

- 454 1798 over 97. 16 stars, JR-1, Rarity-3. PCGS graded MS-65.** This is the finest graded of the variety by PCGS! Toned with delicate gold hues on the obverse over frosty luster in the fields, and the reverse with a touch more gold, mostly at the periphery. Struck unevenly by the dies, as always, the central shield is slightly weak, and the second star on the obverse does not show the center as full as the others, and these diagnostics are seen on the few other high grade examples of this date. A curious die pair, the overdate feature is popular with the long tail of the 7 extending below the 8, and 13 stars are noted on the obverse. But wait, the reverse shows 16 stars! What was going on? Well, the Philadelphia Mint kept adding stars as new states joined the union. By 1796, there were 16 states, and hence 16 stars. Sometime in 1797-98 it was decided to go back to the original 13 stars, as the dies were becoming too crowded, plus most of the engravers could scarcely count up to 13, and sixteen was a big challenge for some. On the reverse, the stars are arranged in two rows of seven each, with two additional stars surrounding the eagle's head. The obverse die was not used to coin 1797 dimes, but was prepared and not used. Rather than toss it away, an 8 was engraved over the final 7, and coins were struck. The Philadelphia Mint prepared 4 reverse dies using the sixteen star pattern. Three of these dies were used to coin quarter eagles, which are the exact same size as dimes, and the other reverse was used to coin dimes. The dies used for the dimes all show rust and were poorly polished, and the obverse die was obviously lapped heavily before this one was coined, making the curls, stars and the Y of LIBERTY weaker than the surrounding details. An important opportunity for the dime specialist who demands gem condition, even on the early coins. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$25,000-UP

No provenance known, although similar to the Eliasberg coin they appear to be different, and this is not the Numisma '95 example from Akers/Rarcoa/Stack's, nor is it the Suros coin from Superior.



- 455 1805. Four berries, JR-2, R-2. PCGS graded AU-53.** Beautiful blue gray tones on the obverse, more golden on the reverse. Nicely struck, and well preserved. A light scratch from the hair to the upper point of the second star. We note that the PCGS holder states "5 berries" but this is the 4 berry variety. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,700-2,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from J.C. Macallister on March 31, 1944 as "Unc." for \$15.00



- 456 1805. JR-2, Rarity-2. Four berries. Fine-12.** Steel gray in color and we see moderate hairlines in the fields from an old cleaning. Well struck by the dies.

Estimated Value \$400-475

Purchased in a Coin Galleries Sale, February 1990, lot 1896.

Dimes



- 457 1807. JR-1, R-2. Fine-12.** Lightly cleaned long ago as the surfaces are slightly reflective, now retoned.
Estimated Value \$400-450

Capped Bust Dimes



- 458 1809. JR-1, R-4. Sharpness of Fine-12 but scratched.** Superb color, but scratched in the left obverse field, and an even deeper scratch up on the reverse through the shield, neck and into the field above. This one would look nice in an album, as the scratches are old and toned over.
Estimated Value \$50-75

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$85.00.



- 459 1811. 11 over 9, JR-1, R-3. PCGS graded VF-30.** Lovely blue peripheral toning and silver gray at the centers. Minor handling marks, expected for the grade. The reverse shows several die cracks, but the die hasn't really started to come apart as of yet, and many are seen struck after this one.
Estimated Value \$300-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$25.00.



- 460 1814. Small date, JR-1, Rarity-3. PCGS graded AU-55.** Lovely antique gray toning on both sides and with a typical strike for this variety. Deeper grays near the devices, so the coin has a bit of a cameo appearance. This is an important *Guide Book* variety, as only a single pair of dies were used to create the small date 1814, and few are found in grades over Very Fine. PCGS reports just 3 graded as AU-55, with just 6 graded higher. Most show various die cracks, as seen here, and swelling on the obverse and clash marks on the reverse. An important opportunity for the specialist who wants a really high grade example of this variety.
Estimated Value \$700-800



- 461 1814. Small date, JR-1, R-3. EF-45.** A gorgeous coin that has splendid toning of steel gray at the rims, brighter at the centers. However, there is a very shallow staple scratch over the date and another behind Liberty's head. These are old and toned over, and many will scarcely notice them at all. This one was probably cleaned decades ago, but it is still quite appealing. The small date is one of the scarcer varieties of the year.
Estimated Value \$200-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$12.50.



- 462 1814. Large date, JR-2, Rarity-3. PCGS graded MS-64.** Actually, this is one of the scarcer varieties of the year, but at least eight have been located in mint state providing specialists with a few high grade coins to study. This near gem boasts steel blue and deep gray toning over great luster in the fields. As usual, it is well struck for the date, and this die pairing is usually the best struck of the five known varieties. On this particular one, we note a die bulge through ERIC on the reverse, and the letters are flat in that area, as well as the stars. Most of the curls are very sharp on Liberty, and the feathers are strong on the eagle. PCGS has graded 16 of this date as such, with only 5 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000



- 463 1814. Large date, JR-3, R-2. PCGS graded AU-58.** A choice coin for the grade that boasts lovely golden hues around the periphery, lighter at the centers. Well struck, given the later reverse die state, and quite a bit of the original luster is present. Abundant eye appeal for the grade.
Estimated Value \$400-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$7.50.

Dimes



- 464 1814. Large date, JR-4, R-2. AU-50.** Cleaned with resulting hairlines on the reverse. Deep blue and dusky gray on the obverse, a bit lighter on the reverse.

Estimated Value \$300-400

From the Benson collection, and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 22, 1944 for \$5.00 as Extremely Fine.



- 465 1820. "STATESOFAMERICA", JR-1, R-4. PCGS graded MS-64.** One of the finest of this variety, PCGS notes just 2 graded this high, with a single coin graded higher. Frosty luster and well struck by the dies, with crisp curls on Liberty and excellent feather sharpness on the eagle. Golden toning with blue highlights near the rims. This one was put away a long time ago, and hasn't been on the market for generations. This reverse die was first used in 1814, then put back on the shelf until dime production resumed in 1820. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$7.50.

- 466 1820. Small 0, JR-3, R-4. VF-30.** A scarce variety that is hard to find this nice. The surfaces have been cleaned with resulting hairlines, but the coin has retoned with pretty gold shades around the periphery, but is still bright at the centers.

Estimated Value \$60-80

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$7.50.



- 467 1821. Small date, JR-9, R-2. PCGS graded EF-45.** Lovely old album toning at the periphery. Well struck, as are most of this die pairing. We note that the PCGS holder states "Large Date" when this is obviously a small date variety.

Estimated Value \$225-275

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$4.00.



- 468 1821. Large date, JR-1, R-2. PCGS graded AU-53.** This one has delightful blue and deep gold toning around the rims, silvery gray at the centers. We note some dull marks on the top of Liberty's cap and above, and the eagle's talons show ever-present weakness seen on this variety.

Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$5.00.

Rare 1822 Capped Bust Dime In Choice AU



Enlarged



- 469 1822. JR-1, R-3. PCGS graded AU-55.** Steel gray and well struck on most of the stars, only the lower ones are weak. Gold toning around the rims, and downright rare in this grade. Frosty luster throughout, and minimal handling marks. A classic rarity that has always commanded a big premium for the date, with a reported mintage of just 100,000 pieces, but very few are found in high grades. In 1984, when the five authors published the wonderful Dime book, they estimated that perhaps 10 exist in uncirculated grades, and another 10 in grades from EF-40 to AU-58. For some reason, most examples of this date are in low grade, and many are damaged. The PCGS Population Report supports these numbers, as only 5 have been graded in Mint State (best MS-63), and 6 are seen in AU-58, and this one alone in AU-55. The numbers fall away after this AU-55, the report then notes 12 have been graded from VG-VF, with none graded between EF-40 and AU-53. An opportunity that knowledgeable collectors will truly appreciate.

Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$100.00.

Dimes



- 470 1823. 3 over 2, small E's, JR-1, R-3. PCGS graded AU-55. Sharply struck for this date, with full stars on the obverse, and only minimal weakness on the eagle's neck. Glorious golden peripheral toning which deepens to blue at the extreme edge, and dancing luster in the fields. Scarce this nice, so don't miss it.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$12.50.



- 471 1824. 4 over 2, JR-1, R-3. PCGS graded AU-53. A tough date in high grades, this one should please most collectors. There is one deep dig in the right obverse field inside the twelfth star inner point, otherwise the obverse surfaces are really sweet. On the reverse, we see a much smaller but probably related dig at the back of the eagle's neck and above in the field, and another on the rim above the I of AMERICA. Flashy luster and with delightful blue and gold toning around the rims.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$30.00.

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Gem Proof 1825 Capped Bust Dime



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- 472 1825 JR-2, Rarity-7. NGC graded Proof 65. Deep blue and gray in color on both sides, with the fields well mirrored throughout. Softly struck at the central reverse devices, and on a few of Liberty's central curls (as always for the variety), but the stars and peripheral devices are all sharp. In fact, many peripheral reverse devices show slight doubling, likely from the double strike required to produce a proof. An extremely rare coin in proof, with perhaps half a dozen or so known. This one should be easy to trace if one had the time and available auction catalogs using the Breen Proof Encyclopedia, as an excellent census is included there. As to the Population Reports, NGC has graded 3 in all, one a PF-63, this coin as PF-65, and one above as PF-67, PCGS has graded just 2, one as PR-65 and the other as PR-66. We note that Eliasberg did not have a proof dime of this date. Currently in NGC holder #636772-001. Identifiable by a small streak on Liberty's cheek, at an angle towards her bust, and the O in OF has a mark on the left side. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$20,000-25,000

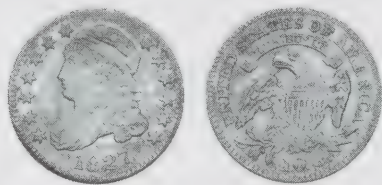
Probably from Heritage's 3/95 sale, lot 5176.



- 473 1825. JR-2, R-2. PCGS graded MS-62. Good luster and pleasing color of steel gray at the center with light golden peripheral toning. This one has a typical weak strike on the reverse, with some weakness on the high points of the eagle and upper curls on Liberty too. Scarce this nice, and a slightly better date.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$7.50.

Dimes



- 474 **1827. JR-4, R-2. PCGS graded MS-63.** A golden toned with rose highlights jewel. As all too often seen, this one is weakly struck at the centers and on the stars, but the luster and surfaces confirm the grade.
Estimated Value \$1,400-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$5.00.



- 475 **1828. Large date, JR-2, R-3. PCGS graded AU-55.** Bright and lustrous at the centers, with deep blue and gold toning around the rims. This one has a typical strike, weak on the eagle's neck, but fairly sharp on the stars. PCGS notes this is alone as AU-55, and just 6 are graded higher of the variety. Keep that in mind, as this is no common date dime.
Estimated Value \$700-800

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$25.00.



- 476 **1828. Small date, JR-1, R-2. PCGS graded AU-53.** Deep blue and gold around the edges, and this one has bright centers. Nicely struck by the dies, but there are some general circulation marks, including a small mark in the field behind the lower curls. Struck from clashed dies, as are most.
Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$12.00.



- 477 **1829. Medium 10¢, JR-3, R-4. PCGS graded MS-62.** A scarce variety in high grade, and this one is probably high in the condition census. Steel gray with ample luster beneath, but not that well struck up on the curls over Liberty's ear or on the shield lines. Gray toning on the obverse, similar but darker on the reverse. Don't expect to locate a better one easily.
Estimated Value \$700-800

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$3.00.

The James A. Stack, Sr. 1830 Proof Capped Bust Dime



Enlarged



- 478 **1830. JR-6, Rarity-7 as a Proof. The Finest Graded. NGC graded Proof 66.** This is a magnificent toned proof coin, the obverse fields are a deep blue green color, with golden highlights on the well frosted devices. The reverse is lighter, with deep blue at the periphery and rich golden hues enhancing the devices. Boldly struck throughout, as expected for a proof, and exceptionally clean surfaces. Close examination will note a tiny spot on the top upper right side of the shield, a tiny planchet flake just touching the top middle of the second lowest leaf cluster, a tiny spot above Liberty's cap and these confirm that this must be the James A. Stack, Sr. coin. Microscopic examination will note a few stray hairlines, and the die crack meandering down from the lowest curl towards the rim below.
NGC in their Population Report shows the following Proofs graded, PF-63, PF-64, 3 as PF-65 and this sole PF-66 at the top. PCGS shows one PR-63 and 2 as PR-65. It is possible some duplication exists, but we can't be certain. Curiously, this coin is not reported in the NGC Population Report as of yet. In NGC holder #676931-005. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$25,000-35,000

*This is from the James A. Stack, Sr., Collection,
Stack's 1/1990:40.*

Dimes



- 479 1830. Small 10¢, JR-8, R-3. PCGS graded AU-55.** An alluring coin that boasts ample luster and colorful toning on each side. Deep golden with rose or green highlights on both sides. The strike is average, with normal weakness on the high points, and there is a trivial scrape right near Liberty's bust tip. This is a later die state with the crack through the lower curls to the rim near the last star. A really beautiful coin.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.50.



- 480 1831. JR-5, R-1. MS-60.** A pretty coin that shows steel blue toning on the reverse, more golden on the obverse. Sharply struck by the dies, and well preserved. This is an early die state, with one crack through the A of STATES to the scroll. Perhaps this one was cleaned long ago, but it sure looks nice now. Some trivial handling marks on the reverse rim.
Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.50.



- 481 1832. JR-2, R-2. PCGS graded AU-58.** Golden peripheral toning over frosty luster in the fields. Nicely struck by the dies, but there are some scattered handling marks near the top of the obverse.
Estimated Value \$250-300

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Dimes

The Cleneay-Allenburger-Pittman 1833 Proof Capped Bust Dime



Enlarged

- 482 1833 JR-2, Rarity-8 as a Proof. NGC graded Proof 66.** Here is an extremely rare coin in Proof, perhaps one of just three known struck in the Proof format from this die pairing. This date was missing from the extensive proof collection offered in the Eliasberg collection, giving an indication of its true rarity. Further, this is a rare die variety, the obverse die cracked very early, possibly with the first proof coin struck (see the Bowers and Merena Brooks Collection, June 1989, lot 90), as those known all show the nearly bisecting crack from between the date and the last star up to Liberty's cap. Later business strikes show further cracks from the rim through the first star to meet the main die crack just below Liberty's ear. Once the second crack appeared and was noticed by the coiner, the obverse die was replaced and this die pairing remains quite elusive.

Many of the early Philadelphia Mint proofs are hard to categorize, with characteristics of both proof and mint state specimens. Some coins are literally one-sided proofs. Not so here, the fields are well mirrored, and the strike is full and sharp on even the highest devices, such as the claws over the branch and minute details on the arrowheads and leaves, as well as the curls on Liberty. Hence, this coin easily qualifies as an early proof issue, specially struck by polished dies on a polished blank. We note that the reflective mirroring is included between the shield stripes, but not within the letters of LIBERTY, which is identical to the similar proof offered in Stack's fabulous Floyd T. Starr Sale in October, 1992, lot 357.

Regarding the minute details, we note a short lint mark hanging down from inside the eagle's upper beak (not that this is also seen on Brooks coin, and probably on the Starr coin too, but it can not be seen in the photo. This particular one also has a lint mark from the left side of the eagle's neck, just above the shield edge and located above the center dot.

Turning now to the population reports, NGC reports 2 as PF-65, and 2 as PF-66; while PCGS reports one in each PR-64, 65 and 66. It is likely that some duplication exists in these reports, and we were only able to trace 3 distinct specimens rather than the 7 reported by the combined Population Reports. A coin worthy of the finest collection, and certainly tied as one of the finest known of this rare issue.

Estimated Value \$18,000-22,000

- 1). *The present coin: Ex. Cleneay Collections; S. H. and H. Chapman 12/1890:1509; Allenburger Collection; B. Max Mehl 3/1948:896 at \$16.75; John Jay Pittman; David Akers 10/1997:569 \$18,700.*
 - 2). *Bowers and Merena's Brooks Collection Sale, 6/1989:90 at \$66,000.*
 - 3). *Will W. Neil Collection; B. Max Mehl 6/1947:1233; Floyd T. Starr Collection, Stack's 10/1992:357 at \$21,000.*
- Other appearances: New Netherlands Coin Co., 52nd Sale, 12/1958:432, not plated; J.C. Morgenthau & Co. 2/1945:556 and Numismatic Gallery's World's Greatest Collection Sale, 2/1945:489 not plated.*



- 483 1833. JR-2, R-5. MS-60.** A rarity that has been damaged by a harsh cleaning on both sides. Examination will note myriad lines in the fields and on the devices caused by cleaning with an abrasive. Nevertheless, the coin has retoned with beautiful steel blue around the rims and bright at the centers. As to the strike, it is needle sharp throughout, including the die crack which extends from the rim through Liberty's lower curl into her cap, and may have actually been a proof issue. This die crack is seen on the few other proofs known of this variety, and all are this early die state before the crack completely bisects the coin at

the top of the obverse. Worth examining, as the coin has retoned with beautiful colors and is a significant rarity in all conditions. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$500-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 22, 1944 for \$3.00, possibly from the Newcomb collection as many other coins from that collection were purchased by Dr. Benson during this period.

Choice About Uncirculated 1833 JR-3 Capped Bust Dime



Enlarged



484 1833. JR-3, R-7. A classic rarity. PCGS graded AU-58.

A classic rarity in any grade, this coin has been off the market for decades before the excellent dime variety reference was published in 1984. Hence, it was simply a "type" coin held in the Benson collection, with its true rarity awaiting discovery. The coin has tawny gold toning over lustrous surfaces on both sides, and shows minimal handling marks. Fully struck, and an exceptional opportunity for the advanced specialist. In the most recent JRCS dime variety survey (9/96) only 6 examples were reported of this variety. There is a single mint state specimen known, but it is not currently reported in the JRCS survey, and the finest reported grades AU-50. Therefore, this coin is easily the second finest known of this extremely rare die pairing.

The obverse die shows a few faint die cracks through the first four stars, and on the reverse there are several faint die cracks, 3 down from the left wing of the eagle, one from the rim to the right top of the A in STATES, another through the post of the E in STATES, one to the right side of the M in AMERICA, and the heavy die from the top left of the second A in AMERICA down through the two upper arrowheads to the rim. We also note a faint crack through the O in the denomination up through the eagle to the middle of the left side of the shield.

One of the rarest coins in the entire Benson collection, and worthy of a runaway price.

Estimated Value \$1,000-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.50.



- 485 1834. Small 4, JR-7, R-2. PCGS graded AU-58. Frosty luster in the fields, with medium gold and blue around the edge. Lightly circulated, although not many would argue if you called this one mint state, and highly appealing for the variety. Probably in the Condition Census for the variety. Well struck on the obverse, a bit weaker on the reverse on some of the eagle's feathers, claw and arrow feathers.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.50.



- 486 1834. Large 4, Large D reverse. JR-2 R-3. PCGS graded AU-58. Magnificent gold and blue toning around the rims, silver at the centers and with ample luster in the fields. Well struck by the dies, with sharp stars and details on Liberty. Extensive die cracks through the first five stars, and a die ridge from the right side of the 4 into the right obverse field touching the inner point of star ten. This curious die ridge is the result of some kind of damage to the obverse die, not unlike the famous spiked chin 1804 half cent. Due to the irregular shape and location, this is not caused by clash marks (which are evident in the fields). In this grade, this is a very scarce coin and is probably at the low end of the Condition Census for the variety. Trivial hairlines in the fields. The eagle's wing is clashed before Liberty's mouth and neck. A memorable offering.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.50.



- 487 1835. JR-4, Rarity-2. NGC graded MS-64. A better than average strike with all of the stars showing their center points. A beautiful, totally original coin with its frosty mint surfaces overlaid with a blending of light rose on the obverse and areas of natural russet on the reverse. An ideal example for the Capped Bust type.
Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600

Dimes



- 488 1835. JR-5, R-1. PCGS graded MS-62.** Steel gray with some mottled areas of blue and gold toning on both sides. Slight weakness on the upper curls but the stars are all crisp and bold. An early die state, and simply splendid quality.
Estimated Value \$600-700

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.50.



- 489 1836. JR-3, R-3. PCGS graded AU-58.** Frosty white luster beneath a layer of medium gray and gold toning. Sharp, and desirable in every way. Free of handling marks and this coin may not have circulated, we'll see what the bidders think when it crosses the auction block.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. C. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.50.



- 490 1837. JR-2, R-3. PCGS graded MS-64.** Deep to medium gray in color, with abundant luster beneath. Well struck by the dies, with full stars and details on the upper curls of Liberty. The reverse is especially nice, with glowing sunset shades and reflective fields beneath the toning. Certainly in the Condition Census for the variety.
Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s for \$4.50.

Liberty Seated Dimes

Resplendent Gem 1837 Liberty Seated Dime



Enlarged



- 491 1837. No stars, large date. PCGS graded MS-66.** Stunning white luster with a hint of blue and gold around the rims. Undiminished by time or handling, this coin is virtually as nice as the day it was coined. This is an example of the shattered obverse die, with two cracks extending up towards the center from approximately 4:00 and 7:00. Gorgeous luster and pristine surfaces combine to keep this coin in one of the finest grade categories. PCGS in their Population Report notes that just 7 have been graded this high, with a single coin graded higher of the date (and type for that matter!). Certain to be a highlight of whatever collection it graces.
Estimated Value \$8,000-9,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May, 1944 for \$4.50 as "uncirculated".



- 492 1837. No stars, large date. EF-45.** Delicate blue and gold peripheral toning and nicely struck. There is one small flaw in the right obverse field, near the cap, and some surface marks in that area. Frosty luster at the centers. Professionally cleaned decades ago, and recovering nicely thanks to 56 years of storage in a National Pages album.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$7.50.

Dimes



- 493 1838. Large stars. PCGS graded AU-58.** Deep steel gray and gold in color with mint fresh luster beneath. We note a minor disturbance in the field inside of stars ten and eleven. This one is truly on the edge of mint state, and exudes exceptional quality.

Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$3.00.



- 494 1839. No Drapery. PCGS graded MS-65.** Stunning golden gray in color over lustrous fields. A knock-out gem that will entice any collector for its original color and pristine surfaces. One of 10 so graded by PCGS, with 9 graded higher (MS-67 best). We note a light die crack down from the top of the rim into the middle of Liberty's head through her ear lobe, another through the last three stars. Well struck throughout. One trivial dark toned area below the D of DIME.

Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$3.00.



- 495 1840. No drapery. PCGS graded MS-65.** Crackling fresh luster beneath the tawny gold toning on the obverse, more vibrant rose and gold on the reverse. PCGS notes only 3 graded as such, with 6 graded higher (MS-67 best). Worth examining with a strong glass, as no fault will be found, the surfaces are remarkably clean.

Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$3.50.



- 496 1841. PCGS graded MS-65.** One of the finest known of this date, PCGS has graded only 4 this high, *and none are graded higher!* Faint repunching at the base of 184 confirms that this is the "double date", or Breen-3234, noted to be very rare. Bold luster with blue and gold toning on both sides. Another stunning example for the connoisseur who demands pristine material. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$3.00.



- 497 1842. PCGS graded AU-55.** Deep blue and green around the periphery of the obverse, brighter on the reverse with just a touch of gold at the edges. Nicely struck and well preserved.

Estimated Value \$90-110

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$3.00.



- 498 1843. PCGS graded AU-55.** Gorgeous blue toning around the rims, white at the center of the obverse, a bit of gold on the reverse rims, white otherwise. Good luster and highly appealing.

Estimated Value \$90-110

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$3.00.

Dimes

Rare Choice AU 1844 Dime



- 499 1844 "The Little Orphan Annie" dime. PCGS graded AU-55.** Lovely blue and gold peripheral toning on the obverse, with less toning on the reverse. One of the finest graded of this scarce date, PCGS has seen only 1 graded as AU-55, and 3 graded higher (best MS-65). Fully struck by the dies and a spectacular example of this low mintage date (72,500).

Decades ago this date was hoarded by a hack writer from Kansas City named Frank C. Ross (Breen), who then fed specimens from his hoard into the market at much higher prices. Ross is credited with bestowing the name "Orphan Annie" on the date, although no one is certain why this name was used. Whatever the cause, the result was higher prices for 1844 dimes, and this is certainly reflected in the price Dr. Benson paid for this coin, which was more than 10 times as expensive as surrounding dates, and even double the price of the rarer 1846, purchased at the same time! Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,200-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$40.00.



- 500 1845. PCGS graded AU-55.** Deep blue and russet tones on the obverse, the reverse lighter with russet around the periphery only. Sharp throughout, and this is an example of the double date variety. Good luster despite limited circulation.

Estimated Value \$90-110

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$3.00.



- 501 1846. PCGS graded AU-53.** This is the lowest mintage date of the Seated Liberty dimes with stars obverse, with 31,300 struck. In particular, this one has silvery gray tones on the obverse, with gold and blue on the reverse. Boldly impressed. Several of the left obverse stars show lumps near the end of their points. PCGS has graded 3 as AU-53, with just 2 graded higher, one as AU-55 and the finest apparently as MS-63. A rarity in any high grade, and this one is certain to command considerable attention. Identifiable by a tiny tick in the field below the last star.

Estimated Value \$1,400-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$20.00.



- 502 1847. PCGS graded AU-55.** Gorgeous blue toning around the periphery with frosty white luster at the centers. Sharp stars and devices.

Estimated Value \$225-275

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$12.50.



- 503 1848. PCGS graded AU-55.** Surrounded by a deep blue ring through the stars, the centers remain untuned and frosty. The reverse similar, but the ring is a light gold. If only all coins looked like this....

Estimated Value \$100-120

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$7.50.

- 504 1849. AU-50.** Delightful blue toning on both sides around the periphery, white at the centers. One faint die crack through the D of UNITED to the top of the I of DIME on the reverse. Nicely struck and well preserved, although this one was probably cleaned decades ago with minor hairlines resulting.

Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$3.00.

- 505 1850. PCGS graded AU-55.** Vibrant gold and blue on the obverse, with an off-center white center dot towards the right side of the obverse, more golden and white on the reverse. Briefly circulated, and downright gorgeous.

Estimated Value \$90-110

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.00.

Dimes

- 506 1851. AU-50.** Matching gold, blue and yellow toning on both sides, with white centers.
Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.50.



- 507 1852. PCGS graded MS-63.** Magnificent gold and blue toning on both sides, and nicely struck for the date. We note two minor dark specks, one below the first star, the other on Liberty's heel of her left foot. Don't expect a bargain when this one comes up for bidding, quality like this is never cheap.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.50.



- 508 1853. No arrows. PCGS graded MS-66 Premium Quality.** A mind boggling example of this low mintage date (95,000). The luster is mint fresh, and the toning is gorgeous with deep blue surrounding the date, bright at the top of the obverse, and matching on the reverse. Fully struck, and virtually without signs of handling. One of the most magnificent coins in the Benson collection, and worthy of a very strong price. PCGS has graded 6 this high, with 5 graded higher (best MS-68). The discovery of gold in California in 1848 changed America's coinage. By 1853 Congress had to reduce the silver content in order to keep coins in circulation as the price of silver was now much higher than the price of gold (dropping because of the golden flood arriving from the California gold mines). Hence silver coins were worth more than face value, and few entered circulation. In order to get coins back in circulation, the amount of silver in each denomination had to be reduced. This was done in March of 1853, and the slightly smaller, but worth less than face value, coinage was denoted with "arrows" at the date on all except the silver dollar, whose silver content remained unchanged, perhaps due to tradition. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$7.50.

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- 509 1853. Arrows. PCGS graded MS-66.** Snowy white luster and with just a hint of gold toning on the reverse. Boldly struck and with full stars and minute details on the wreath show complete details. A scarce type issue, with few seen in grades even approaching this. PCGS has graded 25 this high, with just 16 graded higher. The arrows were added to reflect the slight reduction in the silver content of these from prior issues, in an attempt to get small silver coins circulating again after the disruptions of the California gold rush drove down the price of gold, making silver more valuable, relatively.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500



- 510 1853. Arrows. PCGS graded MS-64.** A glowing example that will delight the collector who loves toned coins. Deep blue at the edge, with fiery rose and gold next, fading to a sunset glow at the centers. An outstanding example for the grade, and the surfaces show few signs of contact, even with a strong glass. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$800-900

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$1.50.



- 511 1853. Arrows. PCGS graded AU-58 Premium Quality.** Gold around the edge, with a bright area near the rim to the cap. This one must have circulated for just a few minutes. An opportunity.
Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on March 31, 1944 for \$1.00.



- 512 1854. NGC graded MS-64.** Gold and gray toning on both sides over decent luster in the fields. Sharply struck, with a curious die break at the center of the obverse on Liberty. The with arrows variety is scarce, and a short-lived type.
Estimated Value \$500-750

Dimes



- 513 1854. PCGS graded MS-62.** Satiny gray toning over luster, with flecks of deeper gold and russet on the devices. Nicely impressed and much better than one would expect for the moderate grade assigned. A scarce and desirable type coin.

Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.00.

- 514 1855. AU-50.** Lightly toned with gold and cloudy gray touches.

Estimated Value \$90-110

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.00.



- 515 1856. Large date. PCGS graded AU-55.** A classic example of "Benson" toning, deep blue peripheries, fiery red and bright at the centers. As to the grade, well, take a look and see what you think. This one will bring a strong price, which it heartily deserves.

Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$2.00.



- 516 1856. Small date. PCGS graded AU-58.** Abundant luster and vibrant peripheral colors on both sides. Sharply struck on the stars and devices, but the dentils are weak, as struck. Another that will defy the grade assigned by bringing a strong price for the quality offered.

Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$5.00.



- 517 1857. PCGS graded MS-64.** Iridescent tones of yellow and gold on the obverse, silvery gray on the reverse offset by deeper blue at the rims. Good luster beneath, but not quite as pretty as some of the other Benson coins.

Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on February 20, 1945 for \$1.50.

- 518 1857. EF-45.** Deeply toned.

Estimated Value \$25-30

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 27, 1944 for 85¢ as Extremely Fine.



- 519 1857-O. NGC graded MS-65.** A gorgeous gem specimen with an array of rich rainbow colors evenly distributed on both sides.

Estimated Value \$1,800-2,000

Scarce Gem Proof 1858 Liberty Seated Dime



- 520 1858. NGC graded Proof 65.** It appears that about 100 of these were coined, with most survivors in lower grades. This particular gem coin boasts watery fields and good contrast between the devices and fields. A few stray marks are noted in the fields, and identifiable by a small tick on Liberty's left arm, just below her wrist. Essentially untuned, with frosty white surfaces, and just a bit of gold and blue starting at the rims, moreso on the reverse. NGC has graded 13 this high, with 11 graded higher, while PCGS has graded just 7 this high with 2 higher. This one has the characteristics noted in Breen's Proof Encyclopedia, confirming its obvious status as a proof coin.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500



- 521 1858. PCGS graded MS-64.** A gorgeous example from the Benson collection that boasts deep blue at the rims and russet shades at the centers. Boldly struck throughout, and worthy of a gem collection. Struck from lightly clashed dies on the obverse. Throw the sheets away if you want to own this coin. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$800-900

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

- 522 1858. PCGS graded AU-55.** An average strike and toned an even deep gray color on both sides.

Estimated Value \$90-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on November 22, 1944 for \$9.50.

Dimes

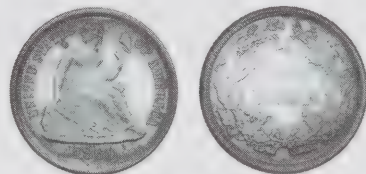
- 523 1858. EF-45.** Cleaned long ago with the usual hairlines in the fields, and now retoned with lovely blue at the rims. Sharply struck.
Estimated Value \$25-30

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 22, 1944 for \$1.25.



- 524 1859. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This one has snowy deep frost on the devices, and well mirrored fields surrounding. Deep blue at the rims, fading to gold then to white. Some very minor hairlines must account for the conservative grade.
Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 525 1860. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Deeply frosted on the devices and well mirrored fields surround. Offset even further by deep blue at the rims, and golden fields while the centers remain white. Fully struck, and superb quality for the grade.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 526 1861. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Sparkling white at the center, deepening to blue and gold at the rims. Minor hairlines from a higher grade. Good color and surfaces for the grade assigned.
Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

- 527 1862. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Deep gold and blue in color, with some scattered handling ticks and hairlines as usual. Only 550 proofs struck of this date.
Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 528 1863. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Ocean deep blue at the rims, then red to gold, while the centers are frosty white on this one. Minor hairlines but downright nice for the grade. Boldly struck and outstanding quality.
Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 529 1864. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Good color and clean surfaces, with moderate hairlines expected for the grade. Sharply struck and problem-free.
Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 530 1865. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Rose gold and blue toning on the obverse, more golden on the reverse. Frosty white centers. A scarce date with 500 proofs struck for the year.
Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 531 1866. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Stunning deep blue, gold, rose, and yellow toning on both sides of this gem. Fully struck by the dies, and the devices are well frosted. PCGS has only graded 16 this high, with just 2 graded higher. If you love toned coins, then take a long look at this gem. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

Dimes



- 532 1867. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Magnificent toning of deep blue at the rims and bright gold towards the white center. The reverse is also toned, but the colors are not nearly so vibrant. Slightly doubled date, as often seen. PCGS has graded 11 this high, with a single coin graded higher, making this certainly one of the finest of just 625 struck. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 533 1868. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Electric blue rims with deep gold in the fields combine to further enhance the deeply frosted devices. This dazzling array of color is the result of nearly 60 years of storage in the famous Wayte Raymond cardboard coin pages. As noted, most of these proofs were purchased in 1944, put in the albums, and stayed there until they were brought to our offices by Dr. Benson. The toning that resulted is simply awe inspiring and must be seen to be appreciated. We note trivial faint hairlines keeping this coin just short of perfection. PCGS has graded 18 this high, with 3 graded higher (all PR-66). Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 534 1869. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Superb toning and well preserved throughout. We note minor hairlines, although they are not readily apparent. Weakness is noted on the upper left of the wreath on a few of the wheat grains. As with virtually all of the Benson coins, we would not be surprised to see this resubmitted to the grading services for a higher grade. Only 600 were struck, and few look as pretty as this little jewel. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$275-325

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 535 1870. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Slightly speckled toning on both sides with deep blue at the rims and frosty gold at the centers. Identical strike to the 1869, with slight weakness on a few of the wheat grains on the left top of the wreath. PCGS noted 35 graded as such with 22 graded higher. A stunning coin that will please even the most advanced collector.

Estimated Value \$400-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 30, 1946 for \$7.25.

- 536 1871. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Deep blue gray toning on both sides and nicely struck on the obverse, with just a touch of weakness on the high points of the reverse. PCGS has graded 31 as such, with 19 graded higher. A couple of ticks on the devices, and one over the O in ONE on the reverse.

Estimated Value \$400-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

- 537 1872. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Frosty and white at the centers surrounded by resplendent blue and gold tones at the edges. Minute hairlines in the fields, and there are virtually no signs of handling. Scarce this nice, and worth a premium from a date collector.

Estimated Value \$400-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

- 538 1872. PCGS graded Proof 62.** This coin is a bit on the dull side probably from an ancient cleaning. Now toned with deep gold and umber shades from a fingerprint, with a splash of blue at the date. The reverse is deep blue. The usual weakness at the upper left of the wreath, and we note hairlines beneath the toning.

Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 22, 1944 for \$3.00.

- 539 1873. No arrows, closed 3. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Quite unusual for a Benson coin, this one is generally untuned, with a bit of gold near the rims. The fields remain reflective and show minor hairlines, and the devices are well frosted.

Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

Dimes

Gem Proof 1873 Liberty Seated Dime With Arrows



Enlarged



- 540 1873. Arrows. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Bright golden and blue on the obverse, with frosted devices, the reverse a deep blue and red with well mirrored fields. Trivial hairlines, but stunning by any grading standards. PCGS has graded 15 this high, with 6 graded higher (all PR-66). We see a tick in the right field near Liberty's knee, but that shouldn't account for the conservative grade, the reverse shows no sign of contact with other coins. A stellar example of this short-lived type coin, and one that is extremely rare in gem grades. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

Gorgeous Gem Proof 1874 Liberty Seated Dime With Arrows



Enlarged



- 541 1874. Arrows. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A quintessential Benson coin that boasts electric blue toning forming a crescent moon on the right side, fading to bright yellow gold at the centers over the frosted devices. The reverse similar, with the deep blue enveloping the wreath while the centers are ruby red to violet. Identifiable by a tiny planchet flake above the right side of the wreath, just right of the tip. Die file lines extend from the upper left obverse letters, as made. All 1874 with Arrows coins were struck with smiling arrows, which point upward, instead of the horizontal arrows seen on 1873 dimes. Stunning in every way. PCGS has graded 15 this high, with 9 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

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- 542 1875. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Well struck by the dies and superbly toned by decades in the slightly sulfered Wayte Raymond holders. Such colors must be seen to be appreciated, as their vibrancy defies description, and challenges even our superb photographer to capture the subtle nuances of the rainbow. If only all PR-64s could look like this! Throw away the "bid sheets" on this one if you want a chance to capture this prize. PCGS notes 44 graded this high, with 20 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$400-500

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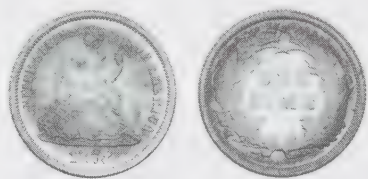
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- 543 1876. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Deep gold around the periphery, with frosty devices that show just a whisper of gold. Minor hairlines in the fields and a tick or two accounting for the grade. This is the popular Centennial year issue.
Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

- 544 1877. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Dark gold and blue at the rims which fades to light gold at the centers. Moderate hairlines in the fields, especially on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$200-250

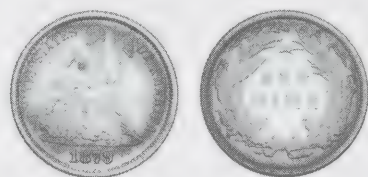
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- 545 1878. PCGS graded Proof 65.** This one has toning that is even prettier than average, with dark blue at the rims, violet then gold towards the centers. Pristine fields and surfaces. PCGS notes only 9 graded this high, with 4 graded higher, all PR-66. Worthy of the finest collection of toned coins. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$850-950

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

- 546 1878. PCGS graded MS-65.** Nice and frosty with a natural film of light tone.
Estimated Value \$600-650



- 547 1879. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Reddish gold at the centers and enhanced by ocean deep blue along the edge. Superb color throughout and worthy of the finest collection. Sharply struck and nearly perfect. We note one tiny reeding mark on Liberty's leg, hidden on her drapery. PCGS has graded 7 this high, with none higher, making this one of the very finest known of the date. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,800-3,200

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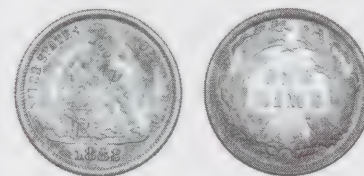


- 548 1880. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Seductive blue toning around the periphery combines with the usual rose gold fading to white at the centers. Sharply struck as are most, and extremely eye appealing for the grade. PCGS has graded 24 this high, with 9 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

- 549 1881. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Lovely gold and blue toning on both the obverse and reverse, but we note moderate hairlines in the fields, which account for the grade. Layers of frost on the devices add to the appeal of this coin.
Estimated Value \$180-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 550 1882. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Coppery gold toning with splashes of blue at the rims enhance this gem. The reverse is similar, but has more white frost on the devices. Clean surfaces and another stunning example for the specialist to long enjoy. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$850-950

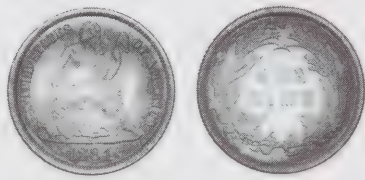
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- 551 1883. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Yellow gold in the fields deepens to rich reddish gold through the periphery on this one, the devices highly frosted and also toned. Examination notes the faintest hairlines but no surface marks or other signs of handling, and this coin causes us to wonder how much nicer a higher grade specimen would have to be to earn a PR-67. Quality, an essential in numismatics, is never cheap, and always cherished.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

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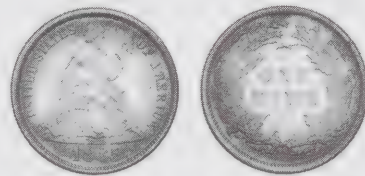
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- 552 1884. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the finest grades awarded to any of these superb dimes, this one boasts deep gold toning with blue highlights at the rims. Pristine surfaces, with nearly perfect devices and fields throughout. The quality of this coin simply staggers the imagination. PCGS has graded 14 this high, with 3 graded higher, all PR-68. If you want the winner of the grading marathon, then take a long look at this coin and expect to pay a strong price if you expect to acquire it. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$2,800-3,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 553 1885. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Creamy white frost on the devices and boldly impressed by the dies. During the last 56 years, this one has toned with rich gold shades and deep blue at the extreme edge, courtesy of a Wayne Raymond holder. PCGS notes that 27 have been graded this high, with 8 graded higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 554 1885. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Lovely antique gray toning around the periphery, with deep frost on the devices. Apparently an early strike from the dies. PCGS in their Population Report shows just 27 this high, with 8 graded higher of this date. Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

- 555 1885. NGC graded MS-65.** A well toned specimen favoring the hues of violet and blue on both sides. Estimated Value \$450-500



- 556 1886. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Especially deep blue forming a nearly complete circle on the obverse, with a small break at 9 o'clock where reddish gold predominates. Gorgeous gold and copper shades in the fields, while Liberty shows just a whisper of antique gold toning. Similar on the reverse, with the headlight white at the center, toned around the wreath with gold fading to ocean cove blue at the rims. 886 were struck in 1886, 17 of which PCGS has graded this high, with just 5 graded higher, all PR-67. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 557 1886-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** A splendid example, well struck and delicately toned with gold and gray around the devices.

Estimated Value \$1,700-1,900



- 558 1887. PCGS graded Proof 66.** One of the finest graded of this date, PCGS notes just 10 seen this high with a single coin graded higher (PR-67). Seductive blue and gold toning over frosted devices, and highly eye appealing. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 559 1888. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Watery deep fields that are enhanced by rich golden tones and electric blue at the rims. Boldly struck and superb quality for this date. PCGS notes 10 graded this high, with just 4 graded higher. Another toned delight for the proof specialist. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

Dimes



- 560 1889. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Sharp on the wreath, but minor weakness is noted on Liberty's head. Deep gold and blue around the periphery, and trouble free surfaces throughout.

Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 561 1890. PCGS graded Proof 66.** A frosty white gem that boasts deep gold at the rims, a touch of blue, and superb surfaces. PCGS seems to agree, only 19 have been graded this high, with a mere 5 graded higher. Boldly struck, and near the tail end of the Seated coin production.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 562 1891. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Dark blue at the rims, deep gold through the lettering and snowy white at the center of the obverse, the reverse with a ring of gold and bright white from the wreath to the center. Simply superb, undiminished fields and devices. All one can find with a glass are some scattered lint particles which were present when this one was struck. One of the finest graded by PCGS, they have awarded 10 this high, with none graded higher. Perhaps that will change if this is re-submitted to PCGS or NGC for a higher grade. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$2,800-3,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

Barber Dimes



- 563 1892. PCGS graded Proof 64.** First year of issue, and a lovely example it is for the deep blue and gold toning and clean surfaces. A few hairlines from gem, but with all the eye appeal and more. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 564 1893. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Blue around the rims, gray in the fields, and gold fading to white on the devices. Certainly one of the very finest known of the date, to which PCGS agrees as they note 13 graded this high and just one single coin graded higher. Fully struck by the dies, and remarkably well preserved, including Liberty's delicate cheek, which all too often shows disturbances from handling. Not so here, everything is perfectly pristine, right down to the vibrant blue and gold colors. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$2,300-2,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 565 1893. NGC graded MS-67.** Frosty and bright at the centers, with the rims toned in deep blue and gold. Rare this nice, and this is confirmed in the NGC Population Report which shows just 3 graded this high, and none graded higher. If you demand the very best, then here is a coin for your collection.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 566 1894. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the finest graded of this date, this one is toned with magnificent deep blue and center red tones from long storage in an album or Kraft envelope. Fantastic quality for the date. PCGS in their Population Report show just 15 graded this high, with none graded higher, making this one likely tied for the finest known of the date. Superb, simply superb.

Estimated Value \$2,300-2,700

Dimes



- 567 1894. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Glorious gold and blue toning on both sides and sharply struck. The frost is undisturbed and few are found even approaching this quality. PCGS has graded 22 as such, with 15 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 568 1894. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Deep glowing gold colors over the watery proof fields and devices. Excellent frost on the devices and boldly struck in every way.
Estimated Value \$950-1,050
- 569 1894. NGC graded Proof 65.** Deep blue and rose toning on both sides of this gem. We note one faint mark at the central reverse below the M of DIME.
Estimated Value \$750-850



- 570 1895. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Remarkably, this dime was put away in 1944 by Dr. Benson where it remained untouched for 56 years. When our own Larry Goldberg carefully removed these coins from their Wayte Raymond holders, the stunning colors were almost beyond belief. Coin after coin shows deep blue and gold toning, even on circulated examples, but the most dazzling colors are found on the proofs. We don't know what the coins looked like in 1944, but they sure look wonderful today. Pristine surfaces were carefully preserved, and many, such as this coin, are tied for the finest graded. PCGS notes 15 grade this high for 1895, with none graded higher. Worthy of the finest collection.
Estimated Value \$2,300-2,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 571 1895. NGC graded Proof 67.** One of the finest graded of this date, NGC in their Population Report show 25 graded this high with just 6 graded higher. Toned with deep blue and green on both sides and obviously original. The proof fancier will have a very hard time figuring out which coins to go after in this sale. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,300-2,700



- 572 1895. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Lovely gold and green toning on the obverse, with a darker blue tone on the lower right obverse, the reverse more organized with gorgeous blue around the rims, gold at the centers. Superb surfaces as expected for the grade. Too bad this isn't a Morgan dollar! PCGS has graded 33 this high, with 15 higher, all PR-67.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300



- 573 1896. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Dark blue and gold toning around the rims, with bright white at the centers. A couple of microscopic handling marks and hairlines from a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

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- 574 1897. PCGS graded Proof 63.** This coin was likely cleaned before Dr. Benson purchased it, as the surfaces show minor hairlines and the colors are somewhat cloudy. Retoning nicely around the rims.
Estimated Value \$225-275

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Dimes



- 575 1898. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Mottled toning mostly in the fields and quite frosty on the devices. A gem that shows few signs of handling, and we expect this coin to bring a nice premium over a typical gem.

Estimated Value \$950-1,050

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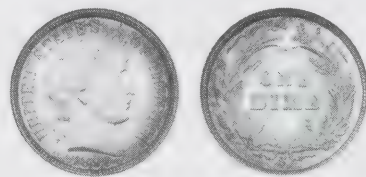
- 576 1899. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Gold and blue around the edges, and white at the centers. A gem that will entice all viewers to bid.

Estimated Value \$950-1,050

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

- 577 1899 and 1916 Barber. Both grade MS-64.** Good luster on each, and both are well struck. Examination will locate a few faint handling marks, keeping them from a higher grade. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$350-450



- 578 1899-S. NGC graded MS-64.** Good luster and well struck, and we note lovely blue toning with gold at the rims on both sides. A few scuffs on the face from full gem, but rare in all mint state grades, especially this nice.

Estimated Value \$1,200-1,500



- 579 1900. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Icy white frost at the center and surrounded by gold fading to dark blue at the rims. An outstanding example of this date because of the surfaces, strike and preservation. One of just 26 graded this high according to PCGS, with 9 graded higher of this date.

Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

- 580 1900 and 1914.** A two piece lot, both are frosty white and grade Mint State 60-63.

Estimated Value \$200-250



- 581 1901. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Gold around the edges, and white at the centers. Fully struck, carefully preserved, and downright beautiful. A high end gem for the collector. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$950-1,050

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 582 1902. NGC graded Proof 66.** Radiant bluish purple tones on both sides of this one, with boldly struck devices and clean surfaces too. NGC reports just 15 graded this high, with 7 graded higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300



- 583 1902. PCGS graded Proof 65.** In 1902 the proof style changed from frosted devices and mirror fields to a semibrilliant surface. This is one of the finest around, and PCGS agrees, with 15 graded as such, and 14 graded higher from the original mintage of 777. Gorgeous blue and gold around the rims. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$950-1,050

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 584 1903. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Deep bluish-gold in color and very reflective. This date was struck in the all mirror finish, which was used for 1902-3. PCGS has graded 13 this high with just 5 higher.

Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

Dimes



- 601 1911. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Gorgeous blue toning around the rims with Liberty perfectly enhanced by a lovely rose hue. A few hairlines from perfection, but the colors are truly delightful on this one. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

- 602 1911. PCGS graded MS-65.** A well struck frosty mint specimen with a hint of light tone just starting to form.
Estimated Value \$400-450



- 603 1912. NGC graded Proof 66.** Frosty and bright, with no signs of toning. The devices are well frosted and the delicate mirror fields show traces of hairlines.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300



- 604 1912. NGC graded Proof 66.** Frosty and bright, with no signs of toning. The devices are well frosted and the delicate mirror fields show traces of hairlines.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300



- 605 1912. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Mottled gold, green and blue shades on the obverse, lighter gold on the reverse. An impressive gem example of this later date Barber.
Estimated Value \$950-1,050

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 606 1912. NGC graded Proof 65.** Rich golden shades at the centers, deeper blues at the rims. A lovely gem example for the collector.
Estimated Value \$950-1,050



- 607 1912. PCGS graded MS-66.** A totally white satiny mint gem.
Estimated Value \$950-1,050



- 608 1912-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** A well struck gem that shimmers with undisturbed satiny mint luster.
Estimated Value \$1,800-2,000



- 609 1912-S. NGC graded MS-65.** Deep blue, lilac and gold toning on both sides, and very lustrous. A scarce date that is seldom seen in full gem condition. NGC has graded 19 this high, with just 7 higher, all MS-66. One for the date specialist who needs this issue.
Estimated Value \$700-900

- 610 1913. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Lightly toned and we note a small scuff on the back of Liberty's neck.
Estimated Value \$225-275

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 611 1914. NGC graded Proof 66.** Bright and untoned, with no handling marks or problems aside from faint hairlines in the delicate mirror fields.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

Dimes



- 612 1914. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Gold and gray in color, with flecks of brighter hues mixed in. This is a low mintage of just 425, and a hard date to find in full gem condition.
Estimated Value \$950-1,050
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 22, 1944 for \$4.25.



- 613 1914. NGC graded Proof 65.** Mottled gold toning on both sides and truly a gem. Rare this nice.
Estimated Value \$750-850
- 614 1914. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Hazy gold toning with darker shades around the date. Moderate hairlines on both sides.
Estimated Value \$225-275
From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.



- 615 1914. PCGS graded MS-66.** A splendid gem specimen, well struck with undisturbed frosty mint luster that is further enhanced by a film of light violet toning.
Estimated Value \$750-850



- 616 1914. NGC graded MS-65.** Exceptional color on this coin, with deep russet and gold on the obverse, the reverse more blue over vibrant luster. Certainly worth a premium for the color and surfaces of this otherwise unexciting date.
Estimated Value \$350-450
- 617 1914. NGC graded MS-64.** Iridescent red, gold and blue toning over frosty devices and lustrous fields. Great eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$175-200



- 618 1915. PCGS graded Proof 65.** The final year of proof Barber dimes is well represented here by this gold and blue toned gem. Fully struck by the dies, and exceptional surfaces throughout. Only 450 struck in Proof, and PCGS has graded only 14 this high, with 11 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$950-1,050
From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on March 31, 1944 as part of a set from 1858 to 1915 for \$195.00.

Mercury Dimes

Near Gem 1916-D Mercury Dime



Enlarged



- 619 1916-D. PCGS graded MS-64 Full Bands.** The key date to this beautiful series, only 264,000 were coined, and most are found well circulated. PCGS has graded a number of these, in this particular grade just 81, and we note 45 have been graded higher. Lightly toned around the devices, with good luster and clean surfaces, even for this grade. Boldly struck, as were most that year, with full separation on the central fasces bands. A few faint lines can be seen with a glass.
Estimated Value \$8,000-9,000

Dimes



- 620 1916-D. MS-60 or better.** This one has been cleaned and is now a bit dull and we see a few hairlines on the surfaces. A mintage of 264,000 keeps this one in strong demand as the key date to the series. Boldly struck for the date, and worth a look from date collectors. Starting to retone with golden hues over silvery white fields and devices.
Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

- 621 1916-S and 1931-S. The first grades MS-64, the second MS-65.** Both are lightly toned jewels that boast excellent luster. Softly struck at the centers, as often seen for these dates. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$100-120

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

- 622 1917-D, 1918-D and 1920-D. These grade as follows: 1917-D EF-40 cleaned, 1918-D AU-58 and 1920-D AU-55.** The first has retoned over the decades, and still shows luster, and all are decent for the grade. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.



- 623 1917-S. NGC graded MS-66 Full Bands.** Gorgeous white luster and well struck throughout. A rare date this nice, and certain to attract attention from the specialists in the series. NGC has graded 11 this high, with none graded higher.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700



- 624 1917-S. PCGS graded MS-64 Full Bands. Premium Quality.** All we can say is look at this coin. If you want a superb 1917-S with delicate toning, a strong strike and the only complaint is the faintest tick mark on the jaw, then here it is.
Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

- 625 1917-D. MS-63 Full Bands.** Sharply struck by the dies, including the central bands on the reverse. Deep golden toning on both sides, over luster in the fields.
Estimated Value \$300-400

- 626 1918-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** A lovely coin that boasts golden toning on both sides over mint fresh luster. Weakly struck, as usual for this date.
Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

- 627 1919-D. AU-53.** Rich gold color on the obverse, and subtle gray on the reverse. Typical hairlines from an ancient cleaning.
Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased on December 26, 1944 from Hollinbeck for \$3.75 as "Uncirculated".



- 628 1919-S The World's Greatest Collection Specimen. PCGS graded MS-65.** Superb luster and flecks of gold toning on both sides, with hints of sea green and other hues. Minor weakness at the centers, but this coin is simply a joy to behold. The pedigree isn't bad either.... Color photo.
Estimated Value \$700-800

From the Benson collection and purchased at Numismatic Gallery's sale of "The World's Greatest Collection", May 11, 1945, lot 781 for \$4.25 or \$7.25 both prices were noted, with envelope included from that sale.



- 629 1920-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Flecks of deep gold toning scattered over both sides and lustrous beneath. Average strike.
Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

Dimes

Classic Gem 1921 Full Bands Mercury Dime



Enlarged



- 630 1921. PCGS graded MS-65 Full Bands.** This popular low mintage date is seldom available in high mint state grades. In particular, only 1,230,00 were struck, most of which circulated down to very low grades before being saved during the coin collecting boom years of the 1940s and 1950s. With the advent of population reports, we now have a better idea of just how rare some of these dates are, in particular, PCGS has graded only 42 coins as MS-65 FB for 1921, with a scant 21 graded higher. That isn't many to go around for all the specialized Mercury dime collections. The coin has a few tiny flakes of toning over satiny white luster, and is highly appealing. Examination will find virtually no signs of contact on the obverse, and just a few tiny ticks on the central reverse device. Boldly struck, and a prize for the collector.

Estimated Value \$2,700-3,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

The Benson Gem 1921-D Full Bands Mercury Dime



Enlarged



- 631 1921-D. PCGS graded MS-65 Full Bands.** Stunning, simply stunning. Delicate gold tones on either side and boldly struck throughout. Examination with a 10X glass finds only the tiniest of ticks, and precious few of those. We can't imagine anyone finding fault with this coin, other than the well deserved strong price that it will bring! PCGS has graded 47 as such of this desirable rarity, and 15 graded higher, all MS-66 FB. A classic rarity in gem condition that will always be the highlight of an advanced Mercury dime collection, just as its been a highlight in Dr. Benson's collection for the last 57+ years.

Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.



- 632 1921-D. NGC graded MS-65 Full Bands.** A fully struck and very choice example, totally white in appearance.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

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Dimes



- 633 1923-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Deep gold and sea green toning extends across the obverse, the reverse brighter with abundant luster. Nearly a full strike, as the bands show good separation but are not quite full at the center. We note a thin scratch below the L of LIBERTY, which accounts for the grade.

Estimated Value \$350-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from Numismatic Gallery's "World's Greatest Collection Sale", May 12, 1945, lot 783, for \$4.75 with envelope included from that remarkable sale.



- 634 1924-D. PCGS graded MS-66 Full Bands.** Deep gold toning with touches of sea green at the rims on the lower parts of the obverse, and left side of the reverse. Boldly struck by the dies and in a superb state of preservation. If you loved toned coins, take a peek at the vibrant colors here. PCGS has graded 30 this high, with just 7 graded higher (all MS-67 FB). Superb in every way. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ben's Stamp & Coin on November 21, 1944 for \$3.25.



- 635 1924-D. MS-64 Full Bands.** A rare coin in this grade, and this one is quite beautiful for the dazzling array of colors on both sides. Sunset gold to red on the obverse, and similar matching colors on the reverse. Quite lustrous and a gem in every regard. A late die state with a crack up through Liberty's bust, and a rim break behind her wing.

Estimated Value \$300-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from Hollinbeck December 26, 1944 for \$3.75.



- 636 1924-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Lightly toned with satiny gold hues over abundant mint fresh luster. Well struck, but the central reverse bands are not quite full. Pristine surfaces throughout, and a rare coin in this grade, as few have been awarded gem grades by PCGS, where the Population Report shows just 16 graded this high, with a single coin graded higher, and similar numbers for full bands specimens. An opportunity to put a rare date away as it is seldom available in gem grades.

Estimated Value \$700-800

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.



Enlarged



- 637 1925-D. PCGS graded MS-66 Full Bands.** One of the finest to survive from this date, PCGS notes just 22 have been graded this high, with 2 coins graded higher! Gorgeous gold toning on the obverse, with reddish and green hints mixed in near the rims, the reverse brighter with gold around the edges. Remember, most of these were put away in 1944 and not touched since that time. To find such quality is nearly impossible under any circumstances and the quality of the Benson coins simply staggers the imagination. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

Dimes

Astounding Gem 1925-S Mercury Dime



Enlarged



- 638 1925-S. PCGS graded MS-66 Full Bands.** One of the finest graded to date by PCGS, only 12 have been awarded this grade, with a single coin graded higher. This particular coin has gold and green shades splashed onto the obverse, while the reverse is more white, with gold at the edges. If you want a pristine example for your collection, then here is a magnificent coin that would be virtually impossible to best. Expect a runaway price on this well struck gem.

Estimated Value \$5,500-6,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Hollinbeck on December 26, 1944 for \$3.75.



- 639 1926-D. PCGS graded MS-65 Full Bands.** Golden luster on both sides with flecks of toning on the high points of Liberty's bust. The luster is undiminished by cleaning or similar enhancements. PCGS has graded 40 this high with 14 graded higher (all MS-66 FB). As with most of the Benson coins, this one is certain to please even the most demanding collector.

Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.



- 640 1926-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Toned with deep gold splashes on the devices with satiny luster beneath. This one has the usual weakness on the reverse. A scarce, low mintage date that is seldom found in grades this nice, and nearly never any better. Examination will discover that the surfaces are unusually nice for the grade assigned, and we anticipate a strong price required to put this one away.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.



- 641 1927-D. PCGS graded MS-66.** One of the finest graded of this date, PCGS has seen 5 this high, with none higher, and another 7 this high with full bands, again none higher in that category. Mottled gold toning and quite lustrous. Superb surfaces which no virtually no signs of contact. A foremost opportunity to purchase one of the finest technical grades awarded to any 1927-D dime. Some trivial weakness at the tops of the peripheral reverse lettering.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.



- 642 1927-S. PCGS graded MS-64 Full Bands.** Sunset gold toning on both sides which deepens at the edges. Clean surfaces and truly a choice piece for the grade. PCGS has graded 38 this high, with 25 higher, making this a memorable coin for a great collection.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

- 643 1927-D. MS-63 Full Bands.** Rich light gold in color on both sides and sharp at the centers. We note the reverse die had been lapped when this one was struck, weakening the peripheral lettering and some devices.

Estimated Value \$250-300

Dimes



- 644 1928-D. PCGS graded MS-65 Full Bands. Premium Quality.** Excellent luster and this one boasts light toning. Examine the surfaces if you love pristine coins, there are virtually no signs of contact anywhere on this piece. Lightly toned on the high points of the design. PCGS notes 43 graded this high, with just 14 graded higher. Given the quality here, we would expect this to bring a strong price.
Estimated Value \$1,600-1,800

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.



- 645 1928-D. PCGS graded MS-65.** Dark antique gold toning on both sides with a slightly crackle finish. Good luster and clean surfaces beneath. Scarce this nice. Note that a small tick resides just right of the center on the central bands, and this may have kept this coin from the FB category, as the strike seems quite sharp elsewhere. A rare coin this nice, and very expensive slightly better.
Estimated Value \$500-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from W. F. Webb on October 11, 1944 for \$2.10.



- 646 1928-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Hazy luster on the obverse, with some streaky gold shades on the upper left of the reverse. Typical "S" Mint strike, with slight softness at the centers and edges. A scarce date this nice.
Estimated Value \$225-275

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

- 647 1929-D. PCGS graded MS-65 Full Bands.** Mostly white save for a small dark area on Liberty's cheek. Excellent surfaces for this date.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.



- 648 1929-S. PCGS graded MS-66 Full Bands.** This one nudges perfection back a little more. Lightly toned with gold over fresh luster and nearly perfect surfaces. PCGS has graded 59 as such, with 6 graded a notch higher. This one will stand up to any scrutiny.
Estimated Value \$550-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.



- 649 1930. PCGS graded MS-66 Full Bands.** Soft white luster on both sides and quite beautiful. Fully struck and outstanding quality for the date. PCGS has graded 60 this high, with just 6 graded higher, all MS-67 FB.
Estimated Value \$600-700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.



- 650 1930-S. PCGS graded MS-66 Full Bands.** Another phenomenal coin which belies even the superb grade assigned. Golden toning over dancing luster on both the obverse and reverse. PCGS has graded 45 as such, with one single coin graded higher. Early die state, with crisp lettering near the rims.
Estimated Value \$600-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

- 651 1931. MS-64 Full Bands.** Faint gold toning on both sides, with some trivial specks on both sides. Nice luster and well struck.
Estimated Value \$150-200

Dimes



- 652 1931-D. PCGS graded MS-67 Full Bands.** This one is virtually perfect, lightly toned with a fleck or two of gold on the lower reverse. No signs of handling whatsoever, at least that we can see. PCGS has graded 13 this high, with none graded higher! Don't miss this monster dime. As close to perfection as one could hope for.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

- 653 1931-D. MS-65 Full Bands.** Fresh and white, with abundant luster and no signs of toning settling in. Well struck, with full bands on the central reverse.
Estimated Value \$250-300

- 654 1931-D and 1931-S. The 1931-D grades AU-55 and the 1931-S grades MS-63.** Both are toned with gold hues. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection and purchased from Bebout on September 15, 1944 for \$1.60 for the pair.



- 655 1931-S. MS-64 Full Bands.** Brilliant white and well preserved for this scarce date, we note the surfaces show only a few trivial ticks, mostly on the obverse, and the reverse is quite clean. Well struck, with strong device detail even at the reverse center. Rare this nice.
Estimated Value \$400-500



- 656 1936. PCGS graded Proof 66.** This one has original toning including a fingerprint on the lower right obverse which is toned gold. Superb quality for the date, and about as nice as these are usually found.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 1, 1944 for \$42.00 as part of a 1936 proof set.



- 657 1937. PCGS graded Proof 67.** This one has just a whisper of toning and is truly exceptional. PCGS agrees, only 104 have been graded this high, with 14 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$700-800

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 27, 1944 as part of a 1937 proof set for \$15.75.



- 658 1938. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Speckled gold toning and yellow haze from long storage in the Philadelphia Mint issue wrappers. Superb color, surfaces and strike. PCGS notes 88 as such, with just 4 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 3, 1944 as part of a 1938 proof set for \$7.50.

- 659 1939. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Smoky gold toning and quite original. Superb quality throughout.
Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 3, 1944 as part of a 1939 proof set for \$5.75.

- 660 1939. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Mostly white, with just a hint of toning. Excellent quality.
Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 22, 1944 for \$1.25.

- 661 1940. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Hazy gold and yellow toning on both sides, quite original and this is always seen on coins which were kept in the original mint wrappers for decades.
Estimated Value \$175-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 as part of a 1940 proof set for \$5.00.

- 662 1941. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Well mirrored and quite original, with typical hazy yellow and gold toning.
Estimated Value \$170-190

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 as part of a 1941 proof set for \$5.00.

- 663 1941. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Lightly toned and sharp throughout.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on June 7, 1944 for 75¢.

Dimes



- 664 **1942. 2 over 1. PCGS graded AU-58.** Satiny gold toning on both sides and well struck for this date. The overdate feature is clear. Always in demand.
Estimated Value \$500-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from J. Selber of Brooklyn for \$4.50 as "Extremely Fine".

- 665 **1942. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Sharply defined by the dies, and with a gentle haze of yellow gold on both sides.
Estimated Value \$170-190

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 as part of a 1942 proof set for \$4.00.



- 666 **1944 Mint error, struck 20 percent off-center towards 12 o'clock on the obverse. MS-64 Split Bands.** Gorgeous old tawny toning on both sides and fully struck. No sign of reeding on the edge. There is just enough of the mintmark area to be pretty certain that this is a Philadelphia coin. No handling or ejection marks which often mar these, keeping the surfaces in excellent condition.
Estimated Value \$75-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on April 27, 1945 for 50¢.

- 667 **1944-D. PCGS graded MS-67 Full Bands.** Bright orange gold hues at the top of the obverse, bold luster throughout.
Estimated Value \$70-90

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

- 668 **1944-S. Normal mint mark roll of 50 pieces. This roll grades choice brilliant uncirculated.** Some of the coins show toning on the edges while the centers are bright. Great luster throughout. Lot of 50 coins.
Estimated Value \$250-300

- 669 **1945-S. Normal mint mark roll of 50 pieces. This roll grades choice brilliant uncirculated.** Some of the coins show toning on the edges. Great luster throughout. Lot of 50 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 670 **1945-S. Normal mint mark roll of 50 pieces. This roll grades choice brilliant uncirculated.** Some of the coins show toning on the edges. Great luster throughout. Lot of 50 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 671 **The Benson Mercury dime set, 1934 to 1940-P.** These grade from **Uncirculated to Gem Uncirculated**, some with full bands. All mintmarked dates are included from 1934 through 1940-P and these have been mounted in the Wayte Raymond National Pages albums since 1944, and remain there today. Most show some golden toning and all have full satiny luster. Perfectly matched and totally original. All bidders should view one of Benson lots that include the National Pages albums to see how pristine the pages are, and the remarkable quality of the coins. Lot of 18 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 672 **A group of Mercury Dimes. This group includes the following dates, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1931, and grades range from Extremely Fine to Brilliant Uncirculated, some with split bands.** Most have golden toning and all are lustrous. A perfect way to start a date set with many of the scarcer Philadelphia issues. Lot of 13 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

- 673 **A group of Mercury Dimes from the Benson collection. This group includes the following dates: 1940 DS, 1941 PD, S (2 pieces), 1942 PDS, 1943 PDS and 1944 PS, and grades range from MS-65 to MS-67, and several have full bands.** Several are toned, and all are very nice for the grade. The 1940-S has an interesting bisecting die break on the obverse. Lot of 14 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from James Macallister on September 25, 1944 in a partial collection of Mercury dimes for \$100.00.

Roosevelt Dimes

- 674 **A partial collection of slabbed Roosevelt dimes. Dates range from 1947-S to 1999-S, all slabbed in gem grades, MS to Proof.** Several high end gems included, and worth inspecting by dealers. Lot of 54 pieces.
Estimated Value \$200-UP

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SESSION TWO
Monday, February 18, 2002
6:00 pm

Twenty Cent Pieces



- 675 **1875. AU-58.** This one has been harshly cleaned with heavy hairlines in the fields, but has retoned with lovely colors on both sides. Boldly struck, and this one probably is a mishandled proof. Decent eye appeal for the grade.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on July 14, 1944 for \$8.50 as "Proof".



- 676 **1875-CC. PCGS graded MS-63.** Antique gray toning on both sides with good luster beneath. The strike is weak on Liberty's head and on the eagle, as well as on the shield. All too typical of this date and issue from Carson City. Appealing overall.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on July 11, 1944 for \$7.50.

Extremely Rare 1875-S Branch Mint Proof



Enlarged



- 677 **1875-S Branch Mint Proof. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Here is a rare coin that is seldom offered. San Francisco coined approximately 12 of these to memorialize this new denomination using a single pair of polished dies. Boldly struck, with full stars and feathers, the only sign of weakness is on the upper curls on Liberty's head. Many were mishandled or cleaned over the years. Not so here, the surfaces show just minor hairlines and the edges are toned with lovely green and blue hues, while the centers remain frosty and white. Boldly struck, as expected for a proof, with Breen's diagnostics clear, faint die polish lines in the shield below BER, a spine left of the pole below Liberty's hand, the left serif of the T in CENTS is broken off. Note that these dies were later used to strike regular issue coins, so these diagnostics are a requirement of proofs, but not sufficient evidence alone to make them proofs. All branch mint proofs are rare, and this coin is certainly one of the finest to survive of this tiny issue. PCGS has only graded 2 in Proof, this coin and one in PR-62 below. Don't miss it if you are an advanced collector of proofs or this series. For future identification, there is a short curved lint mark through the top of the C in AMERICA extending to the dentil above at the center of that letter.
Estimated Value \$12,500-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 7, 1944 for \$20.00 as "Proof".

Twenty Cent Pieces



- 678 1876. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Antique gray toning on both sides and very reflective. Nice contrast and excellent quality for the grade. Only 1,260 were struck, and not many can even approach the quality offered here. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 for \$9.00.



- 679 1876. PCGS graded Proof 64.** A gorgeous blue and rose toned proof that boasts clean surfaces and stunning rich colors throughout. Perfectly struck and a knockout coin for the grade.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000
From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on July 14, 1944 for \$10.00.

- 680 1876. PCI graded AU-50.** Since this coin is in a PCI holder that states "struck through at rim" we examined it closely. All we can locate is a small indentation on the rim above RIC of AMERICA where some small foreign matter was on the planchet during the striking process. Minor hairlines and steel gray in color. Well struck and a decent coin for the type collector.
Estimated Value \$300-350



- 681 1877. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Gunmetal gray in color with an old large spot in the upper left obverse field. Nice quality for the conservative grade assigned. 510 were coined, some of which were melted.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,200
From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on July 14, 1944 for \$22.50.

Gem Toned Proof 1878 Twenty Cent Piece



- 682 1878. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Stunning shades of blue and rose gold on this one, with superb surfaces too. Even the strike is full and complete, and we see no distracting handling marks. If you have been looking for a top end gem of this important type coin, then here is a near perfect example for the toned coin lover. Philadelphia coined just 600 in 1878, all proofs, as the denomination was put out to pasture after 4 short years of very limited production. PCGS has graded only 18 this high, with a scant 5 higher (best PR-67). Worth a premium for the majestic toning, and certain to please the advanced numismatist. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$7,000-UP



- 683 1878. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Beautifully toned with deep blue at the rims, antique gold in the fields on both sides. Well struck and preserved for a proof, with none of the usual problems or distractions. One tiny field mark high and inside the last star. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 22, 1944 for \$20.00.



- 684 1878. Proof 63.** Hazy and milky white in color over clean surfaces. The mirror fields are quite reflective, and the strike is sharp on even the tiniest devices. Final year of issue, with just 600 struck.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

Quarters

Draped Bust Quarter Dollars

The Benson 1796 Draped Bust Quarter



- 685 **1796. Browning-2, Rarity-3. NGC graded MS-63.** Here is the poster coin for the Benson collection as it embodies the rich toning seen on virtually all of the coins from this group. Note the especially bright centers and rich, iridescent blue tones at the rims. As to the strike, it is full for this variety, the eagle's head is characteristically weak, as nearly always seen for this variety. Quarters were first issued in 1796, and were not struck again until 1804. Further, the draped bust, small eagle reverse type was issued in very sparing quantities, and perhaps 500 exist today in all grades. The combined PCGS and NGC population reports show less than 50 graded in various mint state grades. This coin resides solidly in the choice category, with its regal toning and prooflike fields. Liberty's hair, and the eagle's feathers, are especially well struck. Liberty's hair is as boldly rendered as we can imagine. We do note moderate hairlines on the delicate fields from an ancient cleaning, and these apparently limited the grade. This particular coin is identifiable by a tiny mint caused rectangular planchet flake nestled in the field between the back of Liberty's curls across from the fourth star. Free of adjustment marks or other detractions, this stunning beauty will certainly be the highlight of an advanced collection.
- In the summer of 1795 the new Mint Director Henry William DeSaussure arrived at the Philadelphia Mint with two goals that he immediately addressed, the first was to coin gold for circulation, and the other was to improve Robert Scot's flowing hair designs then in use. While the necessary bond was being met that allowed coinage of gold to begin, DeSaussure engaged the famed portraitist Gilbert Stuart to submit drawings that could replace the unpopular flowing hair designs. Stuart submitted a sketch of the local beauty Anne Willing to the Mint around August of 1795, and by October two obverse dies were prepared for silver dollars. John Eckstein, and assistant engraver at the Mint, had translated Stuart's drawing into the now familiar draped bust design. Eckstein also is credited with the small eagle reverse design. During this period, the Mint had prepared dies that employed 15 stars, representing the 15 states then in the new union. By 1796, Tennessee was prepared to join the union as a state, and this was officially accomplished on June 1, 1796. However, the two new quarter obverse dies both used only 15 stars, apparently having been engraved prior to the official notice. The new quarter denomination was struck on four different occasions, beginning April 9, 1796, and continuing until February 28, 1797. Two die varieties were coined, and this is the more common of the two.
- Many of the new quarters were saved as the first of their kind, and several known have prooflike surfaces which have long been considered special strikings, presentation coins, or simply proofs, although no Mint record yet discovered confirms a special striking. Col. E. H. R. Green (son of the millionaire Hetty Green) collected coins early in the last century and amassed a staggering hoard of 1796 quarters. It is believed that Green obtained over 200 1796 quarters, at least half of which were prooflike, as seen here. The late Abe Kosoff and Andre DeCoppet dispersed these quarters in the 1940s, and it is reasonable to assume that this coin came from the Green hoard.
- A rarity in all grades, and this one is certain to draw considerable attention. An American classic, in choice condition with magnificent eye appeal. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$25,000-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on February 8, 1945 for \$140.00 as "Proof".

Quarters

Choice Mint State 1806, 6 over 5 Quarter



- 686 1806. 6 over 5, Browning-1, Rarity-2. PCGS graded MS-63.** An extremely rare coin in this grade, the obverse and reverse are sharply struck especially on Liberty's hair, and on all but one of the reverse stars. Mottled steel gray toning on both sides, with hints of blue and silvery gray over luster in the fields. Struck from clashed dies, especially the reverse. The overdate feature is sharp and clear. PCGS in their Population Report have only graded 3 this high, with 3 graded higher, confirming that this one is well up in the Condition Census for the overdate variety. Estimated Value \$9,000-UP



- 687 1806, 6 over 5. Browning-1, Rarity-2. EF-45.** Dark even gray in color, and well struck throughout. We note one minor rim problem above star eight. A scarce overdate issue, one that is well worth the small premium it usually commands. A coin most collectors will love despite the darker than average color and weak dentils common to this variety. Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From Bowers and Merena's Norweb Collection Sale, Part II, March 1988, lot 1517, earlier purchased by Ambassador and Mrs. R. Henry Norweb at the 1953 ANA Convention.



- 688 1806. Browning-9b, Rarity-1. VF-35.** Bright and lustrous, with the peripheries bathed in gold shades. Nicely struck for this middle die state, the stars and curls are sharp and the obverse had not yet been lapped when this one was struck. There is a vertical die break on the obverse, and some rim crumbling above TE of STATES. A few minor ticks are noted, two above LIB, another near star ten, and there is a shallow scratch down from the eighth star. Minor hairlines on both sides, and the reverse also has some minor ticks from handling. Struck from clashed dies.

Estimated Value \$500-600

From Stack's sale May, 1990, lot 443.

- 689 1806. Browning-9a, R-1. VG-10.** Cleaned and retoned with beautiful rainbow hues around the periphery. There are some scratches on the drapery, and a couple of others in the upper left stars, and a mark or two at the top of the obverse. The reverse has several minor surface scratches, but is nicely toned.

Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 20, 1944 for an unknown price.

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Quarters

Capped Bust Quarter Dollars

One of the Finest Known 1815 Quarters



Enlarged



- 690 1815. Browning-1, Rarity-1. NGC graded MS-66.** *Magnificent color, surfaces and condition!* Deep iridescent blue and gold on both sides, adhering near the devices while the fields are more satiny silver gray. Sharply impressed with full stars and curls on Liberty, and similar strength on the reverse devices save for only the uppermost claws on the eagle. Both dies show minor clash marks. NGC in their Population Report show only 4 graded this high, with a single coin graded higher (including one graded MS-65 with an L above the head) while PCGS has graded one coin as MS-66 with none higher. Hence, this is one of the top half dozen known of this first year of issue of the new John Reich design. A most impressive example of this date. It is important to note that many collectors assembling type sets want the first year of issue, and that keeps demand for this date high. During the years 1812 to 1815 the War of 1812 was unfolding, with British ships and troops disrupting the fragile American economy. Silver was hoarded and the mintage for 1815 quarters was a paltry 89,235. Curiously, no quarters had been issued since 1807 when the draped bust pieces were last coined, as the Philadelphia Mint focused their production on copper coins, half dollars and half eagles. Many 1815 quarters were actually delivered on January 10, 1816. Unbeknownst to the Mint, a fire would break out less than twelve hours after this delivery, which would delay further production of most coins until late 1817. Perhaps this coin was in that final delivery, and hoarded as the uncertainty of those early years continued, and somehow survived the generations to come down to us as this stunning gem. Estimated Value \$17,500-UP



- 691 1818. Normal date, Browning-2d. PCGS graded MS-64.** Flashy and bright, with no signs of toning on either side. Blazing mint luster in the fields, and struck from clashed and cracked dies. Well struck despite the late die state, and a beauty for the type specialist. PCGS notes in their Population Report that 43 have been graded this high, with 20 graded higher. Estimated Value \$4,500-5,000

Quarters

Gem Toned 1821 Capped Bust Quarter



Enlarged



- 692 **1821. Browning-3b, Rarity-1. PCGS graded MS-65.** High in the condition census for the date, this spectacular coin is graced by deep steel gray toning, with darker highlights near the devices, and lighter hues on the devices. When examined with a light, glorious blues are seen in the stars, while lighter reddish gold is seen at the centers. Sharply struck by the dies, with full stars, curls and even the talons on the eagle. PCGS has graded only 4 this high, with 5 graded higher for the date. This particular example has a die crack from the edge through the twelfth star to Liberty's curls, clashed arrowheads at the eighth star, and shield stripes below Liberty's ear, also from clashing. Exceptional eye appeal and downright rare in grades even approaching this. A monumental coin for the type specialist. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$10,000-12,500

- 693 **1821. B-1, R-2. VF-20.** Cleaned and nicely retoned with deep green and gold around the periphery, steel gray at the centers.
Estimated Value \$180-220

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 20, 1944 for \$2.25.

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The Extremely Rare 1823 3 over 2 Bust Quarter



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- 694 **1823. 3 over 2, Browning-1, Rarity-6+.** PCGS graded AU-55. This is certainly one of the very finest known of this supremely rare date, high in the Condition Census of the top six specimens all behind the single Proof example known. The strike is extremely sharp, and this is an early die state before the crack appears right of the date up to the center dot on Liberty, as seen on a few lower grade examples, which no doubt account for the rarity of this date. Perhaps 20 are known in all grades. Breen, in his Encyclopedia, individually lists 13 examples, with just 3 that can be called EF or better. Reviewing the PCGS and NGC Population reports seems to indicate that several are known, PCGS notes 2 in AU-55, and one in AU-58, none in Mint State above while NGC shows 1 as AU-55, 1 as AU-58 and 1 as MS-61, and the sole Proof as PF-64. With the cluster of high grade specimens reported, we suspect that there may be some duplication in the two reports, and a days study with a good coin auction library would certainly nail down the number of high grade examples known once some plate matching is done from prior auction sales.
- Toned a deep blue gray color, with moderate handling marks on both sides from very brief circulation. Identifiable by a small cluster of microscopic scrapes below Liberty's ear, and a few ticks between stars nine and ten, and some faint parallel scrapes above the Y of LIBERTY in the folds of the cap. On the reverse, we note some tiny marks below the wings of the eagle near the juncture with his body. Currently in PCGS holder #4664906. An extreme rarity in any grade, and especially this nice. Better than the recent sale of the Eliasberg example, this coin should have a higher technical grade, with less wear on the high points. A foremost opportunity for the Bust quarter specialist, and a date which has been offered a couple of times in the past six years. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$27,500-UP

This coin is likely the same specimen from Stack's Anderson DuPont Sale, November 1954, lot 1798 or the specimen from Stack's 1976 ANA Sale, August 1976, lot 956, but it is hard to match to these early plates. It is possibly a new specimen that is otherwise unrecorded in auction history. One other possibility is the 1947 ANA (Kreisberg/Kosoff), lot 16 specimen.

Quarters

Appealing Gem 1825, 5 over 4 over 3



Enlarged



- 695 1825. 5 over 4 over 3. Browning-2, Rarity-2. PCGS graded MS-65. Silvery gray in color at the centers, with mint fresh luster beneath, and deeper blues and golds at the rims. Well struck throughout, and downright rare in gem grades. Each of the obverse stars is full and complete, and the only weakness we could find was on a few of the reverse wing feathers. Loaded with eye appeal, and rarely encountered so fine. PCGS has graded 2 this high, with 4 graded higher of this hodge podge overdate issue.
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The Cleneay Proof 1828 Quarter and 1828 Proof Dime Pair



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- 696 **1828. Browning-4. Quarter dollar. Extremely Rare Proof Issue and 1828 JR-1 Dime Proof. The Quarter in NGC graded PF-62 and the 1828 dime is not certified but grades Proof 63.** The 1828 Quarter is a rare proof issue and it has an illustrious pedigree. The coin itself is toned with antique gold hues on both sides, fading to deep blue at the rims, and brilliant at the centers. As expected, the mirror fields show moderate disturbances and hairlines from a past cleaning, but these are not too distracting. Breen, in his *Proofs Encyclopedia*, lists seven known of this variety, with a few others not attributed, as well as a few proofs from other die pairings. This coin is the first listed for the variety in that reference work. All told, perhaps a dozen were coined in proof. Examination of the strike will note no signs of weakness on the stars, branch, claws or feathers, areas which are often poorly struck on these.
- As to the 1828 dime**, it has antique steel gray in color with deeper blue tones at the rims of both sides. This is one of just five proofs of this date that are confirmed to exist, and as Breen notes others that claim to be proof lack the proper striking qualities. Listed as #3 in Breen's *Proof Encyclopedia*, and a well known and pedigreed specimen of this rare proof issue. The strike is outstanding, many of the reverse letters show slight doubling from the second strike, and both sides have the knife rim familiar to proof collectors. Identifiable by a tiny planchet flaw between the wing and the M of AMERICA. We note tiny rust pits below the left side of the eagle's neck.
- Our consignor wanted these two coins sold together as they been together pretty much since their first known auction appearance in 1898. Truly an exceptional pair for the specialist to long enjoy. Lot of 2 coins.
- Estimated Value \$5,500-UP

The Quarter is from S. H. and H. C. Chapman's sale of the Thomas Cleneay Collection, 12/9-13/1890: 1340; Christian Allenburger Sale, 1948: 842; New Netherlands (T. James Clark) 47th Sale, 1956: 1514; Stack's Eugene Gardner Collection Sale 1965: 1630; RARCOA's session of Auction '82, 1982:713; Superior's Session of Auction '90, 1990:1076; Bowers and Merena's Miller Sale: 11-1992: 1675. The dime is from S. H. and H. C. Chapman's sale of the Thomas Cleneay Collection, 12/9-13/1890: 1501; exhibited at the ANS in 1914; Lester Merkin Sale, April 17, 1970, lot 484; Kamal Ahwash, April 24, 1979 privately; Stack's sale of the Allen Lovejoy Collection, 10/16/90:89 and Bowers and Merena's Miller Sale 11/92:1674.

Quarters

- 697 **1832. B-1, R-1. PCGS graded AU-53.** Original tawny gold toning around the periphery and sharply struck. Briefly circulated, and one for the collector. Subdued luster in the fields, and a few faint blotches on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on April 3, 1944 for \$2.50 as "Uncirculated".



- 698 **1835 B-1, Rarity-1. MS-63 Prooflike.** Choice and lustrous with good color and clean surfaces. A few hairlines account for the grade, and we note a few microscopic rim ticks on the reverse. Boldly struck and a perfect coin for the type collector. The reverse has a long thin crack through STA to RIC. Prooflike in the fields.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000



- 699 **1837. Browning-1, Rarity-4. PCGS graded MS-64.** Possibly the finest known of this variety, and certainly well up in the Condition Census for the Browning-1 die pairing. Quickly identifiable by a crack through the first star, above the date, to the last two stars on the right, and another crack on the reverse through D STATE to the rims above. Sharp on all but a few upper stars, and very frosty and white at the centers, delicate gold around the periphery. We note a few very light hairlines, including a thin one down Liberty's neck, but the surfaces and eye appeal certainly approach that of a gem example. The reverse die is well executed, but may have been lapped as the right wing of the eagle shows weak definition on this inside near the shield. Hopefully, this one will sell to a variety collector who can study the minor cracks and nuances of this scarce late die state. PCGS has graded 15 this high, with 15 graded higher of the date.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000



- 700 **1838. Browning-1, Rarity-1. PCGS graded MS-62.** Silvery white and without signs of toning on this one. One tick is noted at the top left wing of the eagle. This is the final year of issue of this type. Decent luster and a good strike too.
Estimated Value \$900-1,000

Liberty Seated Quarters



- 701 **1838. EF-45.** Popular "no drapery" type. We note numerous light marks about the rims on both sides; nevertheless, the lovely antique toning is suggestive of an even higher grade.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 702 **1840-O. With Drapery. AU-58.** Dark golden and gunmetal blue toning. The surfaces were almost certainly cleaned in the past. Sharply struck by the dies, with minor die cracks through the reverse lettering.
Estimated Value \$400-500

From Bowers and Merena's Norweb Collection Part II Sale, March 1988, lot 1569.



- 703 **1852-O. AU-55.** Steel and smoky gray in color with a golden patch through Liberty. Although 96,000 were reported coined, many of these were melted as they were worth more than face value at the time they were issued. In particular, we note that a few stars are sharp, but most are flat at the centers, but Liberty is well struck from head to toe. The eagle's claws are bold, as are the wing feathers. Minor hairlines and surface marks in the fields. A date that is very difficult to locate in high grades, and this one is certain to attract the attention of date collectors.
Estimated Value \$2,200-2,700

From Stack's R.L. Miles Collection Sale, April 1969, with flip included if you ask for it at lot pick up.

Quarters

Extremely Rare Proof 1853 Liberty Seated Quarter Arrows and rays



Enlarged



- 704 1853. Arrows and rays. NGC graded Proof 64 "Pittman".** This is a one year type coin and one of the rarest dates in of all quarters in proof condition. Less than 10 exist and perhaps as few as 5 were coined. This particular example is toned with lovely sunset gold to gray hues over the mirror fields, and the color is even and balanced on both sides. Reflective mirror fields confirm the status as a rare proof of this date, which nicely offset the devices. We note an interesting discussion between David Akers and David Bowers when they were both cataloging the Pittman and Eliasberg coins, both of which were offered raw (not yet certified). Mr. Akers noted that the Pittman coin (the coin offered here) did not have a mirror finish between the shield lines, but otherwise had all the reflectivity of a proof issue, especially given that virtually all other 1853 arrows and rays quarters are so well frosted. Prospective bidders will want to read the description under lot 1454 in the Eliasberg sale as well as the notations under lot 1325 in the Pittman Part II collection. NGC has graded 4 of this date in Proof, 2 as PF-64, 1 as PF-65, and 1 as PF-66. PCGS has graded 3 coins, 1 as PR-63, and 2 as PR-64, with none higher. Hence, this is one of about 10 known at most, and tied near the middle with several others in this grade, although there may be duplication in the Population Reports. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$50,000-60,000

From David Aker's John Jay Pittman Part 2 Collection; May 1998:1325.

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Rare Gem 1853 Liberty Seated Quarter With Arrows and Rays



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- 705 1853. Arrows and rays. PCGS graded MS-65.** One of the finest known of this condition rarity. PCGS has graded only 11 this high, with 5 graded higher (4 as MS-66, and 1 as MS-67) of this important one year type coin. Fully struck throughout, including Liberty's head, the stars, the eagle's claws and feathers, with no hint of weakness to be found. Toned with bluish gray shades around the periphery of the obverse, with deeper gold hues through the reverse rays. Close examination will note planchet roller lines running at a 45 degree angle up from left to right on the obverse, and these are mint caused and faint. No signs of contact jump out, the coin was obviously well preserved from the time of issue, and has been tucked away in Dr. Benson's collection since 1944. Abundant luster remains, as this coin avoided the last 50 plus years of dippings and cleanings, which so diminished the luster of most of its brethren. Hence, this one was awarded the coveted gem classification from PCGS, on the first run through no less! If you demand a gem for your type set or collection, and can appreciate the beauty of this lightly toned coin, then bid high as we anticipate many will desire this condition rarity.

Estimated Value \$12,000-15,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on April 3, 1944 for \$1.50 as "Unc."



- 706 1854. Arrows. NGC graded MS-64.** An important type coin that includes the arrows at the date, and this one is a fully struck untuned example. Blazing luster and snowy white in color, and scarce and a lot more expensive a point higher. Struck from clashed and lightly cracked dies, as are most, and we see slight recutting on the 1 in the date.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700



- 707 1854. Arrows. NGC graded MS-64.** Steel gray in color with hints of yellow gold in the fields. Sharply struck from clashed and cracked dies, as are most of this issue. Apparently, the arrows caused the dies to crack more rapidly, and most specimens show a variety of cracks. An important one year type coin, and worth a good bid as this one is nearly a gem.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

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Stunning Gem Proof 1855 Liberty Seated Quarter



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- 708 1855 The Eliasberg Coin.** NGC graded Proof 66. Toned with playful splashes of gold toning in the fields, with deeper blues near the periphery. Struck on a planchet which shows minor striation lines running approximately horizontal, slightly down from left to right, and these can be seen on many of the devices using a strong glass. Boldly struck, with all but the last star crisp to the center, and especially sharp on Liberty's head, and the reverse is also bold. Apparently, the date 1855 is much rarer in proof than 1854, and this is reflected in the Population Reports of NGC and PCGS. Further, this is a two year type coin, and struck just prior to the start of regular issue proofs around 1858, and the date 1858 is often used by collectors to commence their proof date runs. An exceptional rarity in this grade, and the finest graded by either NGC or PCGS, and alone in the Proof-66 category, and with a pedigree to match. If you demand the finest for your collection, then here it is! Don't miss it this time around, it may be gone for a very long time again. Color photo. Estimated Value \$25,000-35,000

From Bowers and Merena's Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr., Sale, 4/1997:1459; previously Harlan P. Smith Collection, S. H. and H. Chapman, 5/1906 to the John Clapp Collection and next to Eliasberg in 1942.

Rare Gem Proof 1858 Quarter



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- 709 1858. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Wow, everyone will love this coin for its superb toning. Deep blue to gold around the rims, with brighter centers on the obverse, the reverse highlighted by a ring of coppery gold through the lettering. Nearly identical to the PR-64 in this sale, the same two line like defects reside in the field between the second star and Liberty's arm, and a small "7" shaped lint mark is noted extending off Liberty's arm into the left field towards the fourth star. There is also a small left of center belly button on Liberty, seen on both 1858 proofs in this sale. These coins were obviously struck at the same time, probably within a few pieces of each other as the lint marks are so similar. On this particular coin, there is a minor scrape up from the E of LIBERTY on the shield, and this will serve to identify it. As to the PCGS Population Report, we note 3 graded this high, none higher, making this one of the very finest known of a limited mintage of approximately 100 pieces. If you are assembling a gem set, then here is a great addition to pursue. Capturing a prize of this quality and importance will be a crowning glory for an advanced collector. Color photo. Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.

Quarters



- 710 1858. PCGS graded Proof 64.** One of perhaps 100 struck in proof, and this is one of the finest although it will be overshadowed by the PR-65 also from this collection. PCGS has graded 8 this high, with just 3 graded higher. In particular, this coin has deep gray toning with darker bluish shades on the left side through the stars. One tiny lint mark up from the lower left ball of the second 8 will serve to identify this specimen, and a pair of line like defects in the field between the second star and Liberty's arm. Sharply struck throughout, and highly desirable in every way. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 30, 1946 for \$9.00.



- 711 1859. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Another gorgeous gem proof that has deep blue gray toning around the periphery of the obverse, fading to gold, then bright at the center. On the reverse, there is gold around the periphery, and mostly untuned. Although 800 were minted, many were melted as unsold at the end of the year. PCGS has graded 8 this high, with 6 graded higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$4,000-4,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 712 1860. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Breen notes that 1000 proofs were struck, and 458 were melted as unsold, for a net mintage of 542. PCGS has graded 12 as PR-65, with just 4 graded higher! This particular one has tawny gold toning at the top and bottom of the obverse, with hints of bright blue included, the reverse with a ring of gold and steel gray elsewhere. Identifiable by a minor spot on the T of UNITED. Highly appealing for its superb surfaces, crisp strike and alluring color.

Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 713 1861. PCGS graded Proof 64.** A razor sharp strike beneath the royal blue and gold tones of the obverse, the reverse with the ring of gold at the periphery. Abundant mint frost on the devices, and pristine surfaces throughout. PCGS has graded 18 this high, with just 8 graded higher. An opportunity for the specialist.

Estimated Value \$1,600-1,800

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 714 1862. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Bright at the center, with dark gold and blue around the rims of the obverse, and a ring of gold on the reverse periphery. Perfectly struck and preserved, with few signs of handling even under the scrutiny of a strong glass and light. PCGS agrees, and this is one of 11 graded this high, with just 6 graded higher.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 715 1863. PCGS graded Proof 66.** One of the finest graded of this date, PCGS has given only 7 coins this grade, and none have been graded higher. Superb color and surfaces on the obverse, with deep blue and gold on the right side, fading to bright white at the center towards Liberty's shield. The reverse brighter, with light toning at the edge. One of the more colorful of these early proofs offered in the Benson collection. Perfectly struck and free of contact aside from a few stray hairlines. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$6,000-6,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.

Quarters



- 716 1863. PCGS graded Proof 64.** A gorgeous proof specimen, exquisitely toned. The centers radiate with pale violet blending outwards to electric blue iridescence at the borders. Some scattered light hairlines visible only under strong magnification and none are worthy of note. Only 460 proofs were made.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,650



- 717 1863. NGC graded Proof 64.** Deep smoky gray in color with a few streaks on the reverse, boldly struck too.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300



- 718 1864. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Rose and blue toning on both sides and a no nonsense gem. A glass will locate minor hairlines but they are not detracting. Philadelphia coined 470 proof quarters in 1864, and this is one of the best to survive. PCGS has graded 13 this high, with just 3 graded higher. Seductive toning from the Wayne Raymond albums where these were stored for some 56 years.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500
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- 719 1864. NGC graded Proof 64.** A glittering and very choice proof specimen. Although not designated on the holder, this coin has excellent cameo contrast and is platinum grey in appearance. A total of only 470 proofs were made.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300



- 720 1865. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Dark field toning with a silvery center on Liberty. We note a tiny dark spot near Liberty's heart, and the reverse toning is slightly cloudy. As to the quality, this gem boasts wonderful surfaces and is free of handling marks or similar problems. PCGS has graded only 6 as PR-65, with 13 graded higher from the original mintage of 500 coins. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 721 1866. With motto. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Gorgeous toning throughout with ocean cove blue at the periphery, and rich gold fading to white towards the center. Clean surfaces, but we do note light hairlines which apparently account for the moderate grade from PCGS. You won't want to upgrade this one as the colors can not be duplicated, or surpassed.
Estimated Value \$550-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 722 1867. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Vibrant blue and gold toning around the periphery of each side, with snowy white centers of deep frost on the devices. Minor hairlines are the only signs of any contact. Identifiable by one small speck at the outside upper point of the first star near the rim. A wonder coin, as you will always wonder why you didn't bid more to buy it when you had the chance. PCGS has graded 4 this high, with a single coin graded higher of the original 625 minted. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

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Quarters



- 723 1868. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Here again is a magnificently toned rare date proof seated quarter. PCGS has only graded 8 this high, with *none graded higher!* It simply staggers the imagination to comprehend the majesty of this collection. Not only are most of the coins in gem condition, but many are tied for, or close to, the finest seen of the various dates represented. Further, the coins were carefully stored in Wayte Raymond cardboard albums, so all the silver pieces toned with a dazzling array of blues and golds. And, last but not least, Dr. Benson didn't clean his coins, nor did he take them in and out of the holders (such action can cause "slide marks" on the high points of the devices, particularly Liberty's cheek on Barber coins). When Dr. Benson brought his collection in to our offices, Larry Goldberg spent many hours carefully removing the coins from the Wayte Raymond holders to make sure no slide marks occurred. The coins were then sent to PCGS for encapsulation and grading. Needless to say, once these coins are sold, a similar set will probably not be offered anytime soon. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

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Rare Gem 1868 Liberty Seated Quarter

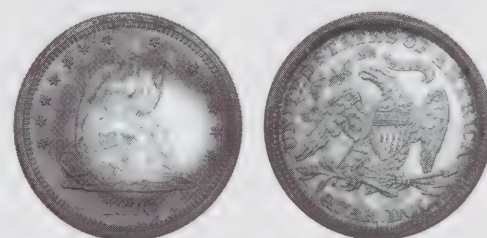


- 724 1868. NGC graded MS-65.** Rare in this state of preservation, especially with such clean surfaces, enough so to keep this in the gem class. Fully struck too, with crisp stars surrounding Liberty, and all the fine details on the eagle as well. Bright white and frosty, with no signs of toning aside from some haze on the reverse. One reeding tick left of the eagle's neck should serve as an identity marker. NGC in their Population Report note 4 graded this high, with none higher, and PCGS has but 2 as MS-65, with a single coin graded a notch higher. That easily places this coin in the top dozen known of the date.
Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000



- 725 1869. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Rich midnight blue toning with a russet area on Liberty, the reverse much lighter with a tawny gold ring through the lettering, white inside that area. Only 600 were struck, and PCGS has graded 32 as PR-64, with just 12 graded higher. This one has no distracting marks or hairlines, but may have been downgraded because of the depth of the toning. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$550-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 726 1870. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Snow white at the center of the obverse, with yellow gold and rose, followed by midnight blue at the rim. On the reverse, gold around the periphery, bright at the center. A few wispy hairlines from a higher grade, as no other contact marks can be found. PCGS has graded 30 as such, with just 10 higher. A magnificent coin that will bring a premium for the colors. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$550-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 727 1871. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Another stunner with vibrant blue and gold on the obverse, lighter gold on the reverse, blast white at the centers. Minor hairlines from an even higher grade. PCGS notes 27 this high, with 12 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$550-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.

Quarters



728 1872. PCGS graded Proof 64. Well toned with darker hues around the obverse, bright at the centers, the reverse with an even gold hue throughout and darker gold at the rims. Some hairlines in the fields from a higher technical grade. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$550-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



729 1872-S. Sharpness of Fine-15 but cleaned and starting to re-tone. The surfaces have been cleaned to a dull gray shade, with mottled gold starting to form in certain areas. Typical circulation marks on both sides. A rare date that is seldom offered in any grade. Most of the original mintage was apparently melted near the time of issue. A rare coin with a good pedigree.

Estimated Value \$500-600

From Bowers & Merena's Norweb Collection Sale, part II, March 1988, lot 1645.



730 1873. No arrows. Closed 3. PCGS graded Proof 66. Booming white frost at the centers and dark gold and blue toning at the obverse rims. The reverse similar, dark at the edges with gold hues spanning the center too. Identifiable by a lint mark in the field below the S of TRUST. Mint records reflect just 600 coined in Proof, some of which may have been melted later. PCGS notes only 2 graded this high, with a single coin graded higher. If you want one of the best from this collection, here is a fine opportunity.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.

The Eliasberg Gem Proof 1873 Arrows Quarter



Enlarged



731 1873. Arrows. NGC graded Proof 67 Eliasberg. Here is one of the very finest graded of this scarce type issue and one with a grand pedigree too. The surfaces are virtually perfect, and show deep mirroring in the fields and well frosted devices. On the rim we note a lovely arc of blue toning and additional gold surrounding through the stars and date. NGC has graded just 3 this high, and PCGS 1 more, and neither service has graded any higher! An important opportunity for the specialist, and worthy of the greatest type collection ever formed.

Estimated Value \$10,000-14,000

From Bowers and Merena's sale of the Eliasberg Collection, April 1997.

Quarters



Enlarged



- 732 1873. Arrows. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Resplendent blue and gold toning on the obverse, with a headlight at the center, and the reverse brighter with a ring of gold at the periphery. A scarce type coin that was made for just two short years, and seldom found this nice, and rarely better. PCGS reports 24 graded this high, with 14 graded higher. Don't skip over this and wait for a better gem to show up. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.

Monumental 1874 Arrows Proof Quarter



Enlarged



- 733 1874. Arrows. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the finest coins from this extensive collection, this rare with arrows quarter is one of just 2 graded this high by PCGS, and none are graded higher! Vibrant blue, gold and green tones span the obverse, with a bright well centered frosty white area on Liberty's chest and head. The reverse similar, with deep blue peripheral toning, and undiminished white frost on the devices and crackling fresh mirror fields surrounding. As perfect as one could imagine. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000

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Quarters



- 734 1875. PCGS graded Proof 66.** A knockout coin that boasts seductive blue and gold obverse toning with a central bright area on Liberty. The usual "Benson" reverse toning, bright save for a ring of dark blue and gold through most of the lettering. Near perfect surfaces, with no signs of handling or abuse of any kind. PCGS agrees, and this is one of just 3 graded this high, and none are graded higher! One of the very finest of 700 struck, and worthy of the finest collection in the land. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

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The Finest PCGS Graded 1876 Proof Quarter

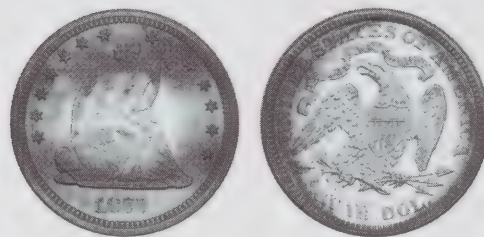


- 735 1876. PCGS graded Proof 67.** This is the Finest graded of this date by PCGS, it is alone in the PR-67 category. Deep blue gray tones on the obverse, with brighter untuned areas at the center of the obverse. On the reverse, the coin ranges through golden gray at the rims to gun metal gray at the centers. Pristine fields and surfaces throughout, and no signs of handling, or other problems of any sort. One for the condition King, who demands the finest of any date. This is the important centennial year issue, when America celebrated its first one hundred years as a nation. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

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- 736 1876-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Well struck with undisturbed frosty mint luster overlayed with a natural blending of pale blue and delicate golden hues.
Estimated Value \$500-600



- 737 1877. PCGS graded Proof 64.** A scarce date with just 510 struck, this near gem boasts exceptional color in the form of two bands of gold and blue at the top and bottom of the obverse, while the center remains bright and untuned. The reverse ringed in gold and bright otherwise. Examination will note some scattered handling marks and an ancient fingerprint on the lower reverse. PCGS notes 35 graded this high, with 19 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$550-650

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- 738 1878. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Toned with steel gray at the centers which darkens to blue and sea green at the rims. We note some faint lines in the fields, most of which are probably die file marks as opposed to hairlines. Superb quality, PCGS has graded only 6 this high with a single coin graded higher from the original mintage of a scant 800 coins. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

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- 739 1879. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the Finest Known with just 3 graded this high by PCGS! Superb colors of blue and gold on the obverse, ringed with gold on the reverse, and acres of pristine fields on either side. As Larry Goldberg noted, the Benson quarters were truly the highlight of the collection, with many superb pieces, including this one near the top of the list. Of the 1,100 struck, only 3 have been graded this high, so don't expect to locate a better one. How do you spell fresh? Take a look at our definition here.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

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Quarters



- 740 1879. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Deep gray russet and blue colors on both sides, with clean fields and surfaces too. Boldly struck as expected for a proof. PCGS notes 25 graded this high with just 16 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300



- 741 1880. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Superb toning of blues and gold on the obverse, with the usual ring of gold around the reverse periphery. Blast white at the left center of the obverse and even more vibrant white on the reverse. PCGS has graded 15 this high (downright common!) with a single coin graded higher. Few could be as beautiful as the coin offered here, and everyone who sees this coin will want to own it. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

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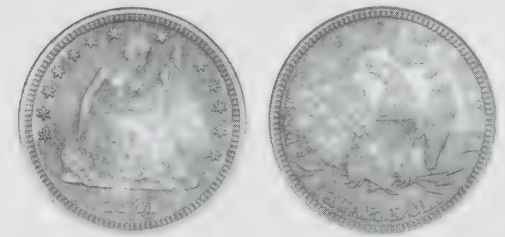


- 742 1881. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Gorgeous deep blue and gold toning on both sides, with untuned centers. PCGS has seen 20 this high, with just 8 higher (all PR-67). The fields and devices are virtually perfect, and we invite you to study them closely to see how magnificent these quarters are.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

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- 743 1881. PCGS graded Proof 65.** This one is much more beautiful than the "average" gem coin, the fields are deeply mirrored and the devices are emboldened with frost. Lightly toned with gold around the periphery, and totally trouble free surfaces. PCGS has graded 35 as such, with 28 higher.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300



- 744 1881. NGC graded MS-65.** Deeply toned and well preserved with pristine surfaces and fields. Deep gold and blue throughout. Just 12,000 struck for circulation, and few could look this nice, or be this well preserved.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300



- 745 1882. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Tied for the finest graded by PCGS with 8 coins in their recent Population Report. Glassy mirror fields are graced by dancing colors or russet, blue and gold on each side. Blazing white at the centers. One tiny lint mark above the second star and another near Liberty's left elbow. Stunning quality, even for this collection. The Benson Seated quarter collection contains many superb coins, some of which are the finest or tied for the finest graded of the date. Historically the opportunity to purchase such pristine, fresh material always yields strong prices, which is understandable given that most collectors have passed on many cleaned up coins without any eye appeal offered at only a small discount to the going market price. It has been proven over and over that eye appealing coins bring stronger prices than "average" quality for any series.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

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Quarters



- 746 1882. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Resplendent blue and gold toning on both sides of this stunning gem coin. The centers are brighter, while the edges toned down, probably from long storage in an album. Well frosted on the devices, and very clean surfaces, of course. Exceptional eye appeal, and worthy of the finest collection. PCGS has only graded 8 this high, with none graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000



- 747 1883. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Speckled toning on the obverse, with a splash of lighter blue near Liberty's face and the usual darker hues around the periphery of both sides. PCGS has graded 18 this high with just 6 higher. A scarce date, only 1,039 struck in proof, and a small mintage of 14,400 for circulation as the Philadelphia Mint, and all branch mints, focused on churning out millions of Morgan silver dollars in order to comply with the various silver coinage acts of 1878.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

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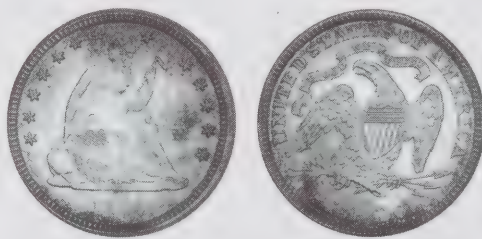


- 748 1884. NGC graded Proof 66 Cameo.** A dazzling gem proof specimen, superb in every way. Excellent cameo contrast with the raised satiny mint devices rising from a bright mirror background. A touch of light violet toning around the periphery adds to its great eye appeal. Among the finest of the 875 proofs coined.
Estimated Value \$1,900-2,100



- 749 1884. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Here is a moderate grade for a change, this one has a few minor hairlines in the fields, but seems to have been graded a bit harsh considering the coin is still quite nice. Let the market decide the value.
Estimated Value \$350-450

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- 750 1885. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Deep blue and russet toning around the periphery of both sides, with well frosted devices too. Tough this nice, PCGS has graded 21 this high, with just 4 higher.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400



- 751 1885. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Gorgeous color on both sides and clean for the grade. We do note moderate hairlines in the obverse fields, which apparently account for the grade. A beauty despite the hairlines.
Estimated Value \$350-450

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Quarters



- 752 1886. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the finest graded by PCGS, which has awarded the coveted PR-67 grade to just 10 quarters of this date. None are graded higher. Toasty brown and gold on the obverse, with a headlight of white untuned frost on Liberty's shield. On the reverse, deep gold at the edge, vibrant white from wing tip to wing tip. Only 886 struck in proof, along with 5,000 business strikes keeps demand high for these in any grade. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

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- 753 1887. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Electric blue, gold and red toning on the obverse, the reverse with a ring of gold at the rim, and a dark umber spot centered on the lower part of the eagle. Boldly struck, and one of just 710 made in proof (and just 10,000 business strikes). Of these, PCGS has graded 3 this high, with none graded higher. A high end gem that will entice many collectors to bid accordingly. An exceptional example for the date collector or type specialist. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 754 1888. PCGS graded Proof 66.** This one was tucked away in Dr. Benson's type set. Dark gold to umber shades on the obverse, similar on the reverse, with bright centers on either side. PCGS has graded 7 this high, with 4 graded higher. Superb quality, with velvety devices and well mirrored and preserved fields. Sharp on the devices, but the stars show some weakness on their central points. Another stunner for the date specialist.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for \$3.00.



- 755 1888. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Splendid toning of vibrant blue, red and gold on the obverse, bright at the center, the reverse perfectly matched. A couple of faint hairlines in the fields from an even higher grade. Similar to the other 1888 just offered, the stars are not quite fully struck up. We also note a minor planchet flaw extending from the U of QUAR to the claws above. It is remarkable for a coin of this period to be so nice. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

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- 756 1889. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Lightly hairlined, but with gorgeous colors on both sides.

Estimated Value \$350-450

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- 757 1890. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Quality takes a huge leap up here, as the devices are deeply frosted and this coin will probably be resubmitted to obtain a "cameo" designation. As to the surfaces, they are superb, nary a mark or hairline to be found. In the color department, this one is beautiful, with rich golden hues around the base near the date, and deeper blue and gold around the reverse periphery. Liberty and the eagle truly jump off the mirror fields because of the abundance of frost. Although proof mintage dropped to 590 in 1890, PCGS has seen a number of gems, with 18 in the PR-67 category, and even 2 graded higher. Hardly common, and we still expect this one to be a highlight in this memorable collection of proof seated quarters. Throw away the price lists if you want this one, once it sells you may not see it again for another 56 years.

Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

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Quarters



- 758 1890. NGC graded MS-65.** Struck near the tail end of the Seated Liberty series, this one is sharp on the lower portion of the obverse, and some devices are a touch weak at the top. Lightly clashed dies. Icy white devices and fields, with a whisper of toning on the right side of the obverse in the stars. Excellent surfaces, but we note some breaks on the frost on the right wing of the eagle.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300



- 759 1891. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Light hairlines in the fields account for the grade, but with beautiful colors around the periphery. One faint spot overlapping Liberty's pole arm. Here we bring the Seated quarters to a close, and begin a sensational run of Barber quarters. Hang on to your hats, it ain't over just yet.
Estimated Value \$550-650

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Barber Quarters



- 760 1892. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Here we begin a sensational run of proof Barber quarters. We start right out of the gate with a superb 1892 that boasts typically Benson blue and gold toning on both sides, with radiant white frost at the centers. There is a faint line down Liberty's temple to her jaw, and this probably kept this from an even higher grade. Superb.

How did these coins all tone with such beautiful colors? Well, Dr. Benson purchased these in the 1940s as a set. While we don't know for certain, it is likely that the coins were untuned or lightly toned at that time. Each coin was carefully placed in the appropriate Wayte Raymond's National Pages coin album. These brown cardboard coin albums were used by most collectors of that period. In this case, Dr. Benson placed the coins in the album by pressing the obverse down into the hole for that particular date, so the reverse rested against the see through slide. As the cardboard used in the holder was much thicker than the coins inserted, the obverse was actually lower than the surrounding wall of cardboard, protecting the obverse when the slide was closed, and most importantly, giving the obverse not only a pocket of air between the coin and the slide, but *more* exposure to the high sulfur content cardboard. Hence, over the next 56 years, the obverse of the silver coins tended to tone more than the reverse, and that is why most of the coins in this collection show similar colors, heavier on the obverse, less so on the reverse.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

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- 761 1892. NGC graded MS-67.** A boldly struck gem specimen with undisturbed frosty mint luster overlaid with warm sunset tones that naturally darken at the outer borders. A pristine example that should stir considerable interest among first year type collectors. Population: 13, with only 5 better.
Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200

- 762 1892. PCGS graded MS-65.** Flashy and bright, with peripheral gold toning. Always in demand as the first year of issue.
Estimated Value \$650-750

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Quarters



- 763 1892-S. NGC graded MS-64.** One of the key dates to the series, but enough were saved as the first year of issue to keep the high end prices down. This near gem has satiny luster, light golden peripheral toning and is well struck. There is a trace of a fingerprint on the cap.
Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600

Gem Proof 68 1893 Barber Quarter



Enlarged



- 764 1893. NGC graded Proof 68.** A monster gem coin that boasts resplendent greens and yellows on both sides over near perfect surfaces on the obverse, the reverse is a vibrant blue green color with well mirrored surfaces beneath. Perfectly struck and preserved, and it would be hard to imagine a nicer example of this date. NGC has graded 14 this high, with just 2 graded higher, giving an indication of how rare this date is in such superb condition. Don't miss out if you love toned proofs. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$5,000-7,500

Glorious Gem Proof 1893 Barber Quarter



- 765 1893. NGC graded Proof 67.** Glorious bright yellow toning on the surfaces, with well frosted devices and exceptional eye appeal. Close examination will note how nearly perfect the surfaces are, and we suspect that an advanced numismatist will truly appreciate this coin. NGC has graded 23 this high, with just 3 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,500



- 766 1893. NGC graded Proof 67.** Superb surfaces for this grade, as expected, Liberty's face is especially fresh and clean. Deep blue at the rims, bright silver at the centers. NGC in their Population Report note 25 graded this high with 16 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000



- 767 1893. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Deep blue and gold toning around the periphery, with a central bright spotlight on Liberty that remains untuned. Examination with a halogen lamp and 10X glass failed to turn up any problems, perhaps I should hit the afterburner on the light to see whatever fault kept this one from a higher grade. Take a look and see what you think, it could go higher next time around. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

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- 768 1893-O. MS-64.** Frosty and bright, with ample luster and just a hint of toning near the rims and probably dipped in the not too distant past. Clean surfaces that show only a few stray hairlines and virtually no signs of bagmarks. Well struck on all but the claw and arrows, which have minor weakness. Scarce this nice.
Estimated Value \$500-600

Quarters

Outstanding Proof 1894 Barber Quarter



- 769 **1894. NGC graded Proof 67.** Blazing white at the center, deeper gold at the periphery. Superb surfaces that show no hairlines or other problems. One tiny lint mark on the cheek, as made. NGC has graded just 21 this high, with 4 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000



- 770 **1894. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Brighter in color than many of the Benson coins, this one has blue around the obverse with more gold, and a larger untuned area at the center than others in this run. A few faint contact ticks, but very few, even on Liberty's cheek. Superb quality. PCGS has graded 14 this high, with 11 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500
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- 771 **1894-S. NGC graded MS-64.** A rare date in high grade, this one boasts resplendent gold and blue toning over lustrous fields and devices. One minor nick at the back of the neck, and a couple of faint ticks elsewhere don't seem enough to keep this from the gem class.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500



- 772 **1895. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the finest graded of this date by PCGS, which has awarded PR-67 to an amazing 18 coins, plus 1 even higher! We do have a knockout gem here, deeply toned with gold and blue at the edges, bright at the centers. Quality of this magnitude is seldom available.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500
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- 773 **1895. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Deep blue on the obverse, the reverse with more reddish colors. A toned coin collectors caviar. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,750-UP

One of the Finest Graded 1895-O Barber Quarters



- 774 **1895-O. NGC graded MS-66.** Deeply toned with gorgeous ocean depth blue at the rims, fading to brighter gold and red, with the centers hazy gray. Excellent luster and well struck throughout, and certain to bring a strong price. This is one of the finest seen by NGC, and their Population Report shows just 2 graded this high, with 2 graded higher. If you want eye appeal, then take a long look at this gem. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,500-UP

Quarters



- 775 **1896. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Bullseye toning on the obverse, with a bright center which changes through gold, blue and russet towards the rim. The reverse is also toned, but with a simple ring of bright gold through the lettering, faded gold to white elsewhere. PCGS has graded 22 this high, with just 10 graded higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from the 1946 ANA Convention Sale, lot 522.



- 776 **1897. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Tawny gold and blue toning around the rims, with brighter centers. A few planchet roller lines on the obverse. Outstanding quality for the date.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

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- 777 **1897. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Blue and gold with pastel highlights merging into umber on the obverse, the reverse with gold and touches of smoke and blue. A couple of tiny hairlines from a much higher grade.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for \$5.00.



- 778 **1898. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Mottled sea green and vibrant yellow toning on the obverse, with glowing white frost on the devices beneath. Another superb example for the advanced numismatist. PCGS has graded 24 this high, with 7 graded higher, out of the original mintage of 735 coins. Pristine fields which show none of the usual handling marks or hairlines. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

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- 779 **1899. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Streaky blue and gold toning running in a vertical pattern on the obverse, the balance of the obverse a milky gray tone, the reverse with a ring of gold at the edge. Pristine surfaces and nicely mirrored fields. Totally original throughout.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

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- 780 **1900. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Smoky gold and blue toning at the top and bottom of the obverse, with other hues intermixed. A deep gold to blue ring on the reverse. PCGS has graded 19 this high, with just 9 graded higher. Note the faint die swirl lines on Liberty's neck and face, these were part of the die polishing process to create the frosty appearance on the devices. Perfectly struck and well preserved fields surround.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

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Quarters



- 781 1901. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Toned on the obverse with vibrant blue at the top and bottom, surrounded by a reddish gold antique shade, while the centers remain mostly white or lightly toned on the obverse, the reverse with a layer of light gold and a touch of blue at the edge. Firmly struck throughout, and we note the fields show virtually no signs of contact or hairlines. The obverse die was overpolished a bit, lapping out an area below Liberty's ear which is now reflective like the fields instead of frosty. PCGS has graded 17 this high, with 9 graded higher. Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

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- 782 1901. PCGS graded MS-62.** A well toned example with some moderate scratches well concealed on the face. Estimated Value \$100-125



- 783 1902. PCGS graded Proof 66.** The obverse toning ranges through the usual blues and golds, with lighter hues at the center. On the reverse the left side has an arc of bright blue and a ring of gold surrounding. One tiny tick mark in the lower right obverse field. PCGS has graded 11 this high, with 7 graded higher. Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

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- 784 1903. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Medium gold toning on both sides, but this one has frosted devices, and is not the "all mirror" surfaces usually seen. Superb surfaces, and PCGS has graded just 28 this high, with 21 graded higher. Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500



- 785 1903. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Bullseye toning as seen on most of these Benson coins, with blue, gold and red hues around the periphery, while the centers are generally bright. On the reverse, the right side has an arc of gold and blue, while the center is white. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

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- 786 1904. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Magnificent blue and green toning on the obverse and more golden on the reverse. The surfaces are exceptional for this date, which is tough in full gem grades. PCGS has graded 26 this high, with 10 higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500



- 787 1904. PCGS graded Proof 66.** This one is deeply toned with purplish blue predominating, and a deep gold circle at the back of Liberty's head, the very center of which is still untuned. More toning than most on the reverse, with the deep blue and gold reaching to the top of the letters. Superb fields and devices throughout, and this one is graded conservatively. PCGS notes 26 graded this high, and 10 graded higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

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Quarters



- 788 1905. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Iridescent toning that ranges through the golds and reds across the obverse, while the reverse shows less toning. A couple of faint lines on the face from a higher grade, but so much nicer than these are usually found. PCGS has graded 23 this high, with 12 graded higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

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- 789 1905. NGC graded Proof 66.** Brilliant white at the centers, with peripheral gold and gray tones. Faint handling marks visible with a glass, if you look hard. NGC has graded just 34 this high with 17 graded higher. Certainly an exceptional example of this date.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

- 790 1905. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Bright and fresh, with no signs of toning. Well deep mirror fields, and very well impressed.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200



- 791 1906. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Stellar quality for this collection. This one has more toning than most, with a layer of gold across the various shades of the obverse, and gold on the reverse too. PCGS has graded only 15 this high, with just 2 graded higher. Immaculate fields and surfaces, keeping this one solidly in the gem class. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

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- 792 1906. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Another near perfect coin for the grade. This one has no signs of toning and remains totally white. PCGS has graded 24 this high, with a meager 17 higher. Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500



- 793 1907. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Magnificent toning on both sides, with greens and golds in abundance. The obverse is very well struck and preserved, and we see minor planchet lines running down from left to right on the upper devices of the reverse. These planchet lines are mint caused, and can only be seen with a strong glass. PCGS has graded 12 this high, and just 13 are graded higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

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- 794 1907-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** A lovely frosty mint example, untoned and very choice.

Estimated Value \$700-1,000



- 795 1908. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Superb colors on both sides of this proof, with a well centered bright area on the obverse and reverse. The toning is somewhat irregular, but quite beautiful. A low mintage date of 545 struck, of which PCGS has graded 12 this high with 13 graded higher. The quality of these coins is unbelievable and its hard to imagine how there could be so many that remain so pristine. We're certain the bidders will be enticed by the dizzying array of colors and exceptional quality. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.

Quarters



- 796 1908-D. PCGS graded MS-64 Premium Quality.** This one has gorgeous iridescent blue and gold toning on both sides. We note this is in an old green insert PCGS holder, the kind not used for several years. As to the surfaces, this one is really nice and we feel it could upgrade. Scarce and desirable in this grade, and downright rare any better.
Estimated Value \$400-500



- 797 1909. NGC graded Proof 67.** Mottled deep blue and gold toning on both sides with the centers brighter. Rarely encountered this nice, and certainly a sight to behold. NGC has graded 22 this high, with just 7 graded higher of the date. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000



- 798 1909. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Here is one that needs to be inspected closely, there is a faint line running just below the reverse shield tip into the thigh and field beyond to the left, and this appears to be a small struck through hair that was on the planchet at the time of striking. Perhaps PCGS thought it was a light scratch, and hence downgraded this coin to the conservative PR-64 level. The toning is magnificent, and we see no other signs of contact to account for the conservative grade. As always, make your own decisions as to the grade and especially the value of any coin you are considering purchasing prior to the sale.
Estimated Value \$550-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 799 1910. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Deep speckled green and rose toning on both sides of this memorable quarter. The fields push the envelope of perfection, and the coin is a joy to behold. We expect the prices of these toned quarters to be quite strong, as they deserve. PCGS has graded 17 this high, with 6 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 800 1911. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the prettiest coins in this extensive date run, the colors range through lovely teal blue on the bust and cap, to bright gold which lightens towards the well centered circle over Liberty's ear. Similar tones on the reverse, with deep green and blue at the rims, gold inside that, and white for most of the reverse, again well centered. PCGS notes 19 have been graded this high, with 7 graded higher. It would be hard to imagine a finer coin technically, or aesthetically. This is one that you won't want to put down when viewing, and will never sell if you are lucky enough to buy it. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 801 1912. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Steel gray with blue and gold highlights on both sides. We note a couple of very faint hairlines in the fields, which must account for the grade.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.

Quarters

Superb Gem Proof 1913 Barber Quarter



Enlarged



- 802 1913. NGC graded Proof 68.** One of the very finest graded by NGC of this date, with just 3 seen this high, and a single coin graded a notch higher. Bright white at the centers, the periphery deeply toned with blues and golds likely from the original Mint wrappers. As stunning as one could hope to find, and nearly perfect surfaces and strike to boot. Superb gems like this have yet to find their true potential. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$5,000-7,500



- 803 1913. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Darker toned than most of this set but with rich colors which come alive when held under a light. Excellent surfaces for the grade, and no signs of the usual culprits like hairlines or other handling marks. Sharp save for the upper right corner of the shield, and the claw clasp the arrows, both of which show minor weakness. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 804 1914. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Deep smoky gold and blue toning on both sides which conceals a few faint hairlines. Fully struck, including the often weak arrow claw and shield point. One of the key dates with a scant 380 struck in proof, and few gems to be found, especially toned with such an array of colors. Another visually appealing gem that will be hard duplicate if you miss this lot. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.



- 805 1915. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Hazy gold toning with blue highlights on the obverse, evenly distributed on the reverse. Superb quality, even for this grade, and PCGS seems to agree as only 6 have been graded this high, with 6 graded higher from the original mintage of 450. Fully struck, and highly appealing. This is the final year of proofs in the Barber series.

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on August 17, 1944 as part of a set of Proof quarters from 1858 to 1915 for \$235.00.

- 806 1915. MS-63.** Nice and frosty with areas of natural russet toning.

Estimated Value \$125-150

Quarters



- 807 1916-D. PCGS graded MS-66.** This one is from Dr. Benson's type set, and what a nice coin it is! Frosty luster in the obverse fields overlayed with a delicate gold, green and red tones, especially on the lower right obverse, the reverse more evenly toned antique gray and gold hues. Fairly well struck, with the only signs of weakness located on the eagle's claws. Close examination will locate precious few signs of handling, and we feel it was conservatively graded. PCGS notes just 54 graded this high, with only 3 graded higher (all MS-67). Final year of issue, and excellent in every way. This is the rare "double mintmark" as noted in Breen's Encyclopedia.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 9, 1944 for \$2.00.



- 808 1916-D. NGC graded MS-66.** A well struck gem exploding with frosty white mint luster.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

Standing Liberty Quarters

Choice Mint State 1916 Liberty Standing Quarter



- 809 1916. PCGS graded MS-63 Full Head.** Here is a classic rarity in choice grade, with a full head no less! Mint records show 52,000 were struck, most of which promptly entered circulation. Some were saved as the first of their issue, as is probably the case here. Well struck for this issue, about a third of which show a full head, the majority weaker on the head and shield than seen here. This one is toned with mottled gold and smoke hues on both sides under which lies abundant luster. Examination notes a couple of faint marks on the lower left obverse. Always in high demand as the rarity of the series, aside from the overdate. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$5,000-6,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Dr. Mann on April 28, 1945 for \$40.00.

Mint State 1916 Liberty Standing Quarter



- 810 1916. PCGS graded MS-63.** This one has a typical strike with softness on Liberty's head and shield, but is bathed in luster. Essentially untuned and a lovely example of this low 52,000 minted date. About 800 have been graded in mint state by PCGS in all grades, this one at the middle of the bell curve. All in all, not many survive in mint state of this important first year of issue coin. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$4,500-5,500

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Quarters



- 811 1916. MS-60 Full Head.** Late in 1916 the design of the quarter was changed from Charles Barber's to that of Hermon A. MacNeil. MacNeil's design incorporated a full view of a draped Liberty, with a shield in her dexter left arm, and olive branch in her right (alluding to America's preference of peace over war). The reverse depicts an eagle in full flight, surrounded by stars. As 1916 drew to a close, the designs were hurriedly approved, and coinage began at the Philadelphia Mint on December 16, 1916 and 52,000 were coined in the next two weeks as the year ended. These 1916 quarters were released in January 1917, along with 1917 quarters, and were quickly snatched up by an adoring public. Most of the 1916 quarters were not well struck, showing only partial heads and shield details.

Here is an exception, this coin is well struck with full details on Liberty's head. Cleaned and retoned, we note a few faint hairlines on the surfaces, but some luster still remains. The coin is now a faded gold color with steel gray hues. Minor handling marks expected for the grade. This one is perfect for placing in an album for display.

Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

- 812 1917. Type 1. NGC graded MS-64 Full Head.** An intensely lustrous example, fully struck up, with light russet toning about the borders.

Estimated Value \$200-250

- 813 1917. Type 1. PCGS graded MS-63.** Sharp, but not quite full on Liberty's head as usual. Good luster and free of toning. Problem free surfaces for the grade, and an excellent example of this short-lived type coin. In an old green insert PCGS holder.

Estimated Value \$175-225

- 814 1917. Type 1. EF-40.** Dark original toning throughout. There are some minor marks on the reverse below ED of UNITED.

Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Dr. Benson collection and probably taken from circulation in the 1940s.

- 815 1917. Type 1 and 1917. Type 2. Both grade MS-64 Full Head.** The Type 1 has pretty gold toning with colorful iridescence while the Type 2 is generally untuned but retains its full mint bloom and luster. Perfect for the type collector. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$400-500

- 816 1917-D. Type 1. PCGS graded MS-63.** Bold and lustrous with a good strike on the high points, and without signs of toning. One small area of residue on the upper reverse, which could probably be removed. In an old green insert PCGS holder.

Estimated Value \$200-250

- 817 1917-D. Type I. MS-60+, Full Head.** Somber gray and dark gold in color, the obverse lighter, and the reverse darker and somewhat mottled. Nice luster under the toning, and sharp throughout.

Estimated Value \$150-200



- 818 1917. Type 2. NGC graded MS-66.** A well struck example with the head about 90% full and all of the rivets on the shield complete. Beautifully toned with hues of light violet and bluish-grey deepening about the borders on both sides.

Estimated Value \$500-600

- 819 1917. Type 2. PCGS graded MS-63 Full Head.** Mint fresh luster on both sides and lightly toned with a haze of rose gold over satiny 1917 frost. Well struck, and downright pleasing. In an old green insert PCGS holder.

Estimated Value \$150-175

- 820 1917-S. Type 2. PCGS graded AU-58.** Nice luster and with a typical strike from the dies, with just a touch of rub on the high points. In an old green insert PCGS holder.

Estimated Value \$80-100



- 821 1918. MS-65. 90% full head.** Here is a stunning, original coin that boasts satiny luster with delicate gold and green toning on the obverse, the reverse with much deeper gold color, with the devices enhanced by deeper gold flecks over luster. Not rare, but downright magnificent for its toning.

Estimated Value \$400-500

- 822 1918. PCGS graded MS-64 Full Head.** Beautifully toned with delicate golden hues on the obverse, less so on the reverse. Well struck, with full leaves on Liberty's head, but weakness over her temple area. In an old green insert PCGS holder.

Estimated Value \$225-275

- 823 1918-D. PCGS graded AU-55.** A well made example of this date, as the central stars and devices are all crisply struck, and we note full leaves on Liberty's head. With a touch of wear from mint, and untuned. In an old green insert PCGS holder.

Estimated Value \$90-110

- 824 1918-S. Normal date. PCGS graded MS-63.** Satiny with a haze of gold toning on both sides. Curiously, we note a strongly clashed "E" just left of Liberty's knee cap from the motto on the reverse. A typical strike for the date.

Estimated Value \$200-250

- 825 1918-S. AU-53.** Silvery white in color and well preserved. An average strike.

Estimated Value \$50-60

Quarters



- 826 1919. PCGS graded MS-65.** A delightful gem coin that boasts radiant luster and nearly a full head on Liberty. Excellent surfaces that show few signs of contact anywhere. One of the rare dates that is seldom offered in full certified gem grades. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$350-400



- 827 1919-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Mostly untuned on the obverse, with a few traces of color starting to form, the reverse has more extensive and colorful toning splashed on. Scarce as a date in this grade, and worth a strong bid. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$900-1,100



- 828 1919-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** A choice example of this date which shows some details on Liberty's head but not enough to be full. Mottled gold toning starting to form, and enough luster to dazzle the eye. Clean surfaces for the grade, and this one is in an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

- 829 1920. PCGS graded MS-65.** Scarce any better, and difficult enough in this grade. White luster and well struck save for Liberty's head. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$325-400



- 830 1920-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Here is a tough date to find near gem condition. The strike is weak on the upper parts of Liberty's head, but full enough elsewhere. Lightly toned around the rims, with some minor staining on the reverse. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$850-1,000



- 831 1921. PCGS graded MS-64.** Snow white luster and sharp, with Liberty's head not quite full. Flecks of gold near the rims. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$800-900



- 832 1923-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** A low mintage date that is scarce in full mint state grades, and really rare in near gem condition as seen here. Bright and without toning, and well struck for this date, with full leaves on Liberty's head, but weakness just below. Sharp on the date and other devices save for a couple of bosses on the shield. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$800-900

- 833 1924. PCGS graded AU-58.** Nearly new.
Estimated Value \$50-75



- 834 1924-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Streaky gold toning on the reverse, more even on the obverse. Sharp, but not quite enough for a full head. Another rare date in mint state. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$700-850

- 835 1925. PCGS graded AU-55 Premium Quality.** This coin is very nice for the grade, with full luster and a decent strike. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$50-70

- 836 1926. PCGS graded MS-63 Full Head.** Bright and with just a whisper of toning. Good luster. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$150-170

- 837 1926-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Strong luster but some weakness in the strike on the high points of the design, as usual. One of the most difficult dates to locate with a full head of the entire series. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$125-150

Quarters



- 838 **1926-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Mottled gold and gray toning on this better date. Nice luster under the gold hues, and with a partial head on Liberty.
Estimated Value \$750-850
- 839 **1927. PCGS graded MS-60.** A few minor chatter marks, but MS-60? Anyway, this one is in an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$70-85
- 840 **1927-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** White luster and without toning. Sharp, but not quite a full head. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$200-250



- 841 **1927-S. PCGS graded MS-62.** One of the key dates to this series, the 1927-S is downright rare in all grades, especially so in mint state. Satiny white luster with a touch of gold starting to form. We note weakness on Liberty's head and shield, as nearly always seen on this issue. An opportunity to put away this rare date in mint state. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,500
- 842 **1928. PCGS graded MS-63.** Bright luster and well struck, with nearly a full head on Liberty. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$125-150
- 843 **1928-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Minor weakness on the head, but good luster on both sides. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$125-150
- 844 **1928-S. PCGS graded MS-62.** Creamy white luster with a touch of color starting to form. Nice surfaces for the grade. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$100-120
- 845 **1929. PCGS graded MS-62 Full Head.** Satiny luster and well struck for the date.
Estimated Value \$100-120
- 846 **1929-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Light gold toning on the obverse, and good luster throughout. This one is in an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$125-150
- 847 **1929-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Creamy white luster and well struck, this one just missed having a full head as the leaves all show complete separation. Excellent surfaces, and this one is in an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$300-350

- 848 **1930. PCGS graded MS-65 Full Head.** Excellent surfaces that retain most of the original mint luster which blazes forth from around the golden toned rims. Sharp and well preserved.
Estimated Value \$500-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for \$1.00.

- 849 **1930. PCGS graded MS-61.** Subdued luster on the high points, but clean surfaces. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$70-80
- 850 **1930-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Widely scattered tiny ticks and nearly a grade higher. Excellent luster and surfaces, and still white and untuned. Sharp, but not quite a full head. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$250-300

Washington Quarters

- 851 **1932. ICG graded MS-65.** What magnificent eye appeal! The satiny mint surfaces are overlayed with an explosion of natural colors. This beauty should realize a premium bid for its stunning appearance.
Estimated Value \$200-300
- 852 **1932. PCGS MS-65 together with 1958 Franklin Half PCGS MS-66.** Both coins are attractively toned. Lot of 2.
Estimated Value \$250-300



- 853 **1932-D. SEGS graded MS-65.** A sparkling, totally white satiny mint specimen. Makes little difference which holder this example rests within, it's a true gem.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,500



- 854 **1932-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** Hazy white luster and with the usual strike of the issue. There is a fingerprint on the reverse, which has toned over with similar white tones. The face on Washington is very clean for the grade. Mounted in an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

Quarters



- 855 1932-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** Here is an excellent example of this key date from the Washington Quarter series. Struck during the depths of the Great Depression, mintages plunged and few were saved. In this particular case, only 436,000 were coined, less than the more famous 1909-S V.D.B. Lincoln cent! Most of the quarters entered circulation, and few could afford to save them. Today, we note that PCGS has graded just 193 this high, with just 35 graded as MS-65, and remarkably only a single coin graded higher, that being a superb MS-66 which sold for \$88,000 or so in the 2001 ANA sale at Heritage Numismatic Auctions. In particular, the Benson coin boasts deep gold toning around the obverse forming an irregular circle near the edge, and white at the rim on the obverse, while the reverse has hazy gray toning with some light streaks. Excellent surfaces throughout, and most collectors could easily live with this coin in a gem collection. Expect a strong price when this one crosses the block.

Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 15, 1944 as part of a set from 1932-1943-D for \$27.00.

- 856 1932-D. MS-60+.** The obverse is steel gray and mostly untoned, but the reverse is lightly porous, probably from a long ago cleaning leaving the surfaces matte in appearance. One of the key dates to the series, and it would look good in an album. Estimated Value \$350-450



- 857 1932-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Beautiful peripheral toning of deep brown with hints of green when examined under a light. Well struck and pleasing, with loads of luster throughout. A few ticks from gem, including a faint one on Washington's cheekbone. PCGS has graded 382 this high, with just 50 graded higher.

Estimated Value \$800-1,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 15, 1944 as part of a set from 1932-1943-D for \$27.00.



- 858 1932-S. NGC graded MS-64 Star on holder.** A totally brilliant white example with a mixture of satiny devices and semi reflective fields. The mirror surfaces accentuate fine hairlines on the obverse.

Estimated Value \$800-1,000



- 859 1932-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** A well struck and very choice Brilliant Uncirculated example. This little jewel expels a hint of light natural iridescent toning that deepens at the upper obverse borders. One of the keys to the series and is worthy of a premium bid.

Estimated Value \$800-1,000

- 860 1934-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** Dark peripheral toning and well preserved. A couple of ticks on Washington's face from full gem, but very nice for the grade.

Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 15, 1944 as part of a set from 1932-1943-D for \$27.00.



- 861 1935-D. PCGS graded MS-66.** A rarity in this grade, only 57 have been graded this high by PCGS, with a scant 5 graded higher (all MS-67). This particular one has good luster with hazy toning on both sides, and a touch of darker tones at the rim from decades of storage in a National Pages album. Identifiable by a small nick on Washington's chin.

Estimated Value \$600-800

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 15, 1944 as part of a set from 1932-1943-D for \$27.00.

- 862 1935-S. PCGS graded MS-65 Premium Quality.** A satiny gem with an arc of toning through LIBERTY. This one has virtually no signs of contact on either side, so check it out.

Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 15, 1944 as part of a set from 1932-1943-D for \$27.00.



- 863 1936. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Original surfaces and color, with streaky toning on the reverse, and hazy toning on the obverse. We note one tiny spot at the top of George's head.

Estimated Value \$700-800

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 1, 1944 for \$42.00 as part of a 1936 proof set.

Quarters



- 864 1936-D. PCGS graded MS-66.** One of the scarce dates in this series, with few gems found. In the PCGS Population Report we note only 44 graded this high, with just 4 graded higher (all MS-67), making this one of the best around. Satiny white luster with a ring of darker hues near the periphery. Close examination will note a small tick on the truncation above the 3 in the date, and one on the right thigh of the eagle. An opportunity to purchase a very high end example for your date set.
Estimated Value \$700-900
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 15, 1944 as part of a set from 1932-1943-D for \$27.00.
- 865 1936-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** A match to the 1936-D in the Benson collection, this one has satiny white luster with a delicate tone on the rim. Well struck for the date, with strong details on the often weak lettering. The surfaces show just a few trivial contact ticks. Experience shows these Washington quarters are very difficult to locate in gem grades, and downright rare in grades like the MS-66 offered here.
Estimated Value \$200-300
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 15, 1944 as part of a set from 1932-1943-D for \$27.00.
- 866 1937-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** If you need this date, then take a look here. What a stunning coin, delicate gold and red toning through the periphery and virtually free of contact marks. Well struck and with abundant luster. Remember, these were put away in 1944, probably hand picked from an original roll by Ira S. Reed, and the coins haven't been touched since.
Estimated Value \$200-250
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 15, 1944 as part of a set from 1932-1943-D for \$27.00.
- 867 1938. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Conservatively graded as the surfaces show no signs of contact that we could find with our 10X glass. Delicate milky haze with darker peripheral hues, as usual for these early proofs.
Estimated Value \$175-225
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 3, 1944 as part of a 1938 proof set for \$7.50.
- 868 1939. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the nicer ones graded by PCGS, with 124 graded as such, and only a single coin graded higher. Nearly perfect surfaces, with light original toning.
Estimated Value \$250-300
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 3, 1944 as part of a 1939 proof set for \$5.75.
- 869 1940. PCGS graded Proof 67.** A superb example of this date in very high grade. PCGS has graded 105 this high, with a single coin graded higher. Delicate hazy toning on both sides, with darker rings at the periphery.
Estimated Value \$200-225
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 as part of a 1940 proof set for \$5.00.

- 870 1941. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Hazy peripheral toning with iridescent hues through the lettering. Superb.
Estimated Value \$90-100
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 as part of a 1941 proof set for \$5.00.
- 871 1941. Proof 64.** Hazy original toning and quite clean for the grade.
Estimated Value \$45-55
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for \$1.00.
- 872 1942. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Flecks of gold toning on both sides and very clean for the grade. Another winner.
Estimated Value \$90-100
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 as part of a 1942 proof set for \$4.00.
- 873 1944-S (4 pieces). Each grades MS-64 to 65.** A small group of 4, each of which has spectacular toning on one side, the untoned side with a ring of gold and strong luster. Lot of 4 coins. From the Benson collection and probably set aside at the time of issue.
Estimated Value \$20-25
- 874 1946-S Roll of 40 pieces. This is a very choice Brilliant Uncirculated roll.** Lot of 40 coins.
Estimated Value \$225-275
- 875 1946-S A partial roll of 34 coins. This partial roll grades Choice Brilliant Uncirculated.** I guess someone needed \$1.50 some time ago. Nevertheless, the balance of this roll is very nice. Lot of 34 coins.
Estimated Value \$175-200
- 876 1947-S A partial roll of 33 coins. This partial roll grades very choice Uncirculated.** All are brilliant and have nice surfaces. Lot of 33 coins.
Estimated Value \$320-360
- 877 A Washington Quarter lot. This lot ranges from 1938 to 2000, all are slabbed by a variety of services, and grades range from MS-64 to gem Proof.** Obviously, a lot that must be inspected by bidders, not enough value to list them all. Lot of 64 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-UP
- 878 A nearly complete Washington quarter set. This set is missing the 1932-D, 1936-D, and ranges from 1932 through 1991-S, including the proof only issues. Grades range from About Uncirculated to Gem Proof.** There are an additional 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1981-S proof issue included. Mounted in a brown Dansco coin album. Lot of 160 coins.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250
- 879 The Benson Washington Quarter Partial Set, most dates from 1932 to 1957-D. This partial set grades from Uncirculated to Gem Uncirculated and is mounted in the pristine National Pages albums as seen on most of the Benson coins, almost all of which show gorgeous toning. Dates include 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1937-D and then is complete from 1938 through 1957-D.** The missing dates were slabbed and are offered in this same sale. If you have ever wanted a truly beautiful Washington quarter set, then take a look at these. Mounted in the National Pages albums where these coins have been stored since 1944, with later issues added as they were struck. Lot of 61 coins.
Estimated Value \$500-750
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed (1932 to 1943-D) on June 15, 1944 for \$27.00. The later issues were probably obtained as they were struck.

Half Dollars

Flowing Hair Half Dollars

Nearly Mint 1795 Flowing Hair Half Dollar



Enlarged

880 1795. O-131, R-4. PCGS graded AU-55. This particular coin boasts abundant mint luster with a delicate blue and gold toning around the periphery. Sharply struck, with full curls on Liberty, and excellent details on the eagle, including his small breast feathers. On the obverse, the die cracked from behind Liberty's eye, through her ear lobe, to the curls below. There are a few other minor die cracks on each side, including one through the tops of UNIT to the last A in AMERICA, and a thin one up from the right side of the first A of that word. Identifiable by a tiny scratch from the point of the lower left serif of the D in UNITED, through the upper serif, to the rim above, and three short scrapes just past that same letter in the field. No adjustment marks are present, and this coin is stunning in every way. This is likely high in the condition census for the variety, as noted in Steve Herrman's Auction & Mail Bid Prices Realized for Bust Half Dollars from 1794 to 1839. A finer example was sold in the James A. Stack sale by Stack's 10/94 sale, lot 476 for \$34,100; and different coin was offered as MS-63 by Stack's Sale 3/98 lot 482 which brought \$10,450. In addition we note an AU-55 example was sold by Stack's in their Halpern Sale, 5/99, lot 2455 for \$11,213. In regard to the Benson coin, we suspect that it is likely tied with the Halpern coin as third finest of the variety. We also note that the Overton/Parsley reprint notes the best in their survey as VF-35. Certain to bring a strong price as such quality is seldom offered for the flowing hair type. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$8,000-10,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on March 8, 1944 for \$45.00.

Half Dollars

Draped Bust Half Dollars

Choice Circulated 1797 Half Dollar



Enlarged



- 881 **1797. 15 stars, O-101, R-5. PCGS graded VF-20.** All early silver collectors understand the significance of this rare coin. The draped bust, small eagle design is one of the rarest of all silver type coins. A paltry 3,918 were struck during the two years of 1796 and 1797 before the design changed for the third time in eight years when half dollar production resumed in 1801. Of the draped bust, small eagle coins struck, many circulated into low grades, while the clear majority were melted or lost. Today, we see that PCGS has graded 48 half dollars of 1796, and 58 of 1797, *precious few to go around in all grades!* This coin is particularly nice, it has golden gray toning on both sides, is well struck and completely free of problems. The lower reverse rim light adjustment marks, light enough that they can be counted, and these are not distracting. An early die state, struck before the dies cracked into pieces, and this early state means all the devices are evenly struck. Substantial hair detail and feather detail on the reverse too, and frankly, this coin is very conservatively graded. Average surface marks expected on a silver coin of the period, but without the usual problems that often mar these important and rare type coins. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$18,000-22,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on November 3, 1944 for \$300.00 (quite a strong price for that time!) and we also note the grade when purchased is noted as "Extremely Fine, nearly Unc."

Half Dollars

- 882 1801. O-102, R-4. PCGS graded VF-25.** Gorgeous dark blue and gold peripheral toning on both sides, bright at the centers. Well struck by the dies, and with the usual ticks on either side. Estimated Value \$600-700

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$25.00.



- 883 1802. O-101, R-3. PCGS graded VF-30.** This one will go to someone who loves toned coins. Deep blue and gold surrounds the periphery while the centers and high points remain silvery white. We note moderate hairlines in the fields beneath the toning, possibly from circulation or a later cleaning, either way they are not that distracting given the abundant eye appeal of this coin.

Estimated Value \$600-700

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$15.50.



- 884 1803. Small 3, O-104, R-3. PCGS graded VF-35.** A choice coin for the grade, the surfaces are toned with deep blue and gold hues, with brighter silver on the upper devices. Well struck and crisp on all the devices. One any collector will love for its surfaces and color, despite an ancient cleaning.

Estimated Value \$400-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source around 1945.

- 885 1803. Large 3, O-103, R-3. Fine-12.** The surfaces have been cleaned and retuned by spending probably 55 years in a Wayne Raymond National Pages album. Surface scratches on both sides visible with a glass.

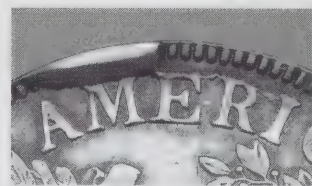
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister around 1945 for \$7.50.



- 886 1805. 5 over 4, O-102, R-3. VF-20.** Cleaned and retuned by decades in a Wayne Raymond album with deep gold and blue around the edge, bright for the balance. Average surfaces. Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$7.50.



- 887 1805. O-113b, R-4, terminal reverse die state. EF-45.** Here is a fascinating coin which exemplifies the joy of carefully sifting through an old time collection. This particular piece represented the "small 5" variety in Dr. Benson's collection. When the coin was turned over, an obvious rim break was noted over AM to the left serif of the E in AMERICA. This rim break has not been reported in the Overton/Parsley reference or elsewhere so far as we know. The die crack continues from the rim above the first A in AMERICA to the top of the C, and there is die rust around the IC and this section of the die appears ready to fall out too. Multiple and heavy clash marks are noted on the obverse. Sharply struck by the dies, save for the dentils above stars nine and ten, which are opposite the full rim cud on the reverse. As to the coin itself, it was cleaned long ago and has retuned with dark gold around the rims, but still bright at the centers. Examination will note a planchet lamination or some sort of surface damage located around the lowest curl on Liberty, where the planchet surface is sunken, porous and lightly scratched by some post minting probing or similar monkey business. Nevertheless, these faults are minor when one considers the rarity and condition of this coin. A foremost opportunity for the bust half specialist to buy what may be the latest die state known of this variety.

Estimated Value \$750-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$3.00 as "Unc."

Half Dollars

- 888 1806. 6 over 5, O-103, R-2. VF-20.** Deep gold at the rims, and we note that the surfaces were cleaned long ago. One rim bump at the top of the reverse.
Estimated Value \$175-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$10.00.

- 889 1806. 6 over inverted 6, O-112, R-4. VF-20.** Cleaned and retuned with a green and gold ring around the periphery. Nicely struck, and a late die state with a bisecting vertical crack on the obverse.
Estimated Value \$550-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$20.00.

- 890 1806. Knobbed 6, large stars, O-105, R-2. Fine-12.** Cleaned and retuned over time with a dark gold ring at the edge. Softly struck on Liberty's bust and the stars opposite on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$5.00.

- 891 1806. Knobbed 6, small stars, O-107, R-5. VF-20.** This is an example of the rare late die state reverse of this variety. We note a reverse rim break in the dentils below the arrow feather ends extending for eight dentils towards UNITED, which is the appearance of a small rim bruise, but this is not the case when the rim is examined. Cleaned and retuned with delicate gold around the rims. A rare variety in any grade, and even more desirable with this small reverse rim break.
Estimated Value \$250-350

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$2.00.



- 892 1806. Pointed 6, stem through claw, O-118, R-4. PCGS graded AU-58.** Gorgeous blue and gold peripheral toning on this coin, the centers are a pleasing gold color. Sharp for the variety, with excellent details on Liberty's curls and on the eagle too. Minor handling marks and this one was probably cleaned long ago, but with the magnificent toning, is scarcely matters today. Perfect for the variety collector or type specialist.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister in 1944 for \$12.00.

- 893 1806. Pointed 6, stem through claw, O-118a, R-3. Fine-12.** Struck slightly off center towards 3 o'clock on both sides. Toned with delicate gold at the periphery and white at the centers. Struck from a cracked reverse die, with local weakness around the arrows and left wing of the eagle.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister in 1944 for \$3.00.



- 894 1806. Pointed 6, stem not through claw, O-109a, R-4. EF-40.** Bright and lustrous from an ancient cleaning and retuned now with a dark ring of gold at the edge. A few trivial handling marks, but well struck and appealing for the grade. Struck from rusted dies as always seen on this later die state.
Estimated Value \$400-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$2.25.

- 895 1807. O-103, R-3. PCGS graded VF-30.** This one was probably dipped long ago, but is now toned with lovely blue and gold around the periphery. Good luster remains and the surfaces are average, and show a few light scratches from circulation.
Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$5.00.

Capped Bust Half Dollars

- 896 1807. Small stars, O-113a, R-3. VF-20 Cleaned.** This one has been polished long ago, but has nicely retuned with dark gray and gold around the periphery, while the centers remain untoned. As to the surfaces, they show no significant contact marks, and the rims are clean. Later die state with the cracks mentioned for the die state.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$10.00.

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Half Dollars



- 897 1807. Large stars, 50 over 20, O-111b, R-5. "The Bearded Goddess".** PCGS graded VF-35. One of the classic rarities of the Bust half dollar series, the 50/20 reverse variety is desirable in its own right, but is especially desirable when the obverse die shows the heavy crack which appears to be a goatee on Liberty. This well placed crack long ago earned the name "Bearded Goddess" because of the unusual location connecting Liberty's chin to her chest below. This crack actually extends from her drapery up through the E in LIBERTY, including the area just before her eye. Dark gold peripheral toning with blue and sunset highlights all around. Quite a bit of luster remains, and this adds to the appeal. Minor circulation marks, but no bumps or bangs worthy of note.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,750
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in 1944 for \$2.25.

- 898 1807. Large stars, 50 over 20, O-112, R-1. PCGS graded VF-35.** This is the later die state with the crack through the base of date, and die chips on the 7. Dark blue peripheral toning with red and gold highlights, bright at the centers. Typical strike on the curls and eagle.
Estimated Value \$175-250
From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$4.00.



- 899 1808. O-102a, R-2. PCGS graded MS-64.** Bright and lustrous with delicate gold toning around the periphery, and hints of blue mixed in too. Well struck from a cracked obverse die, with most details remarkably sharp. The reverse too, is satiny and lustrous. PCGS has graded 8 this high, with 10 graded higher of the date.
Estimated Value \$3,750-UP
- 900 1808. O-105, R-3. Fine-12.** Lovely toning at the rims, smooth, even wear and a few minor handling marks.
Estimated Value \$40-45
From the Benson collection and purchased from "Chapman" June 23, 1944 for \$2.25.

- 901 1808. O-102a, R-2. Fine-12 Cleaned.** This one has been harshly cleaned with an abrasive resulting in heavy hairlines on both sides. Toned around the rims.
Estimated Value \$40-45
From the Benson collection and purchased from "Hughes" (probably pre-Bobby) July 26, 1944 for \$1.75.

- 902 1809. Normal edge, O-105, R-2. VF-20.** Dark blue and green peripheral toning. One small dig near the lower left point of the scroll. Minor weakness in the strike on both sides.
Estimated Value \$60-70
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.25.



- 903 1810. O-104a, R-3. PCGS graded MS-62.** Steel gray toning on both sides highlighted by dark green and blue on the right side of the obverse and reverse. Flatly struck by the dies, with a few signs of contact on the high points. The planchet shows some minor laminations before Liberty's face. If you love toned coins, here is a nice one for your collection.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,400
From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister in 1944 for \$12.00.



- 904 1810. O-102, R-2. PCGS graded AU-55.** This coin is perfect for the grade, gorgeous toning, good luster and totally problem free.
Estimated Value \$300-400
From the Benson collection and purchased from Hughes (an early incarnation? scary thought) on July 26, 1944 for \$3.00.

Half Dollars



- 905 **1811. 11 over 10, O-101, R-1. VF-30.** Lovely peripheral toning on both sides, while the centers remain untuned.
Estimated Value \$100-120

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$4.00.

- 906 **1811. Small 8, O-105, R-3. VF-30.** Pretty gold and green peripheral toning and nicely preserved aside from minor hairlines.
Estimated Value \$60-70

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed for \$1.40.

- 907 **1811. Large 8, O-104, R-1. EF-40.** Cleaned long ago (as were virtually all of these) but now toned with blue and gold peripheral hues. Moderate hairlines, as always seen on these Bust half dollars.
Estimated Value \$100-115

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for \$4.00.

- 908 **1812. 2 over 1, small 8, O-102, R-2. VF-35.** Silvery gray at the centers, with darker gold around the periphery.
Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$5.00.



- 909 **1812. Normal date, O-105a, R-2. MS-63.** Gunmetal gray throughout, with clean surfaces for the grade. Note the interesting die crack which the lower loop of 8, top of the second 1, through Liberty's hair, ear, curling out through the sixth star. A crack connects the first seven stars to the bust and date. Nice luster beneath the toning. The edge lettering is partially crushed and indistinct, other areas clear.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

- 910 **1812. O-103, R-1. PCGS graded EF-45.** Deep gold toning on both sides and quite lovely overall. We note some stray scratches and a small knock above Liberty's cap, and another left of the lowest pair of olive leaves.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.50.

- 911 **1812. O-110a, R-1 and 1813 O-113, R-2.** The 1812 grades EF-45 but has reverse damage, the 1813 grades VF-30, but was cleaned. The 1812 shows damage around and above the denomination and this area is a bit porous. The 1813 has rather aggressive hairlines. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.50 each.



- 912 **1813. O-107a, R-1. PCGS graded MS-64.** Stunning original steel gray and blue toning on this lustrous mint state example. Nearly perfect surfaces too, which is remarkable for a coin of the early period of the bust half dollars. Surprisingly well struck by shattered dies, both the obverse and reverse show several meandering die cracks on both sides. This one even has dentils clashed in Liberty's cap and field above to the right, and the dies must not have been well aligned to cause this. PCGS has graded just 8 this high, with a single coin graded higher of the date, making this one of the very best to survive.
Estimated Value \$3,200-3,700



- 913 **1813 O-106A, R-2. NGC graded MS-62.** A rare early date in mint state condition, this one has dark blue around the rim, and gunmetal silver for the balance. Well struck by clashed and cracked dies at the centers, with slight weakness on the reverse opposite Liberty's bust. An impressive example of this variety, which is probably at the low end of the Condition Census for the die pairing. Clean surfaces that show minor handling ticks, none of any consequence.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,750

Half Dollars



- 914 1814. 4 over 3, O-101a, R-2. PCGS graded AU-50. Glorious luster and nicely preserved throughout, with dark gold toning at the edge, and bright centers. A later die state with several minor cracks, and strongly clashed dies on both sides.

Estimated Value \$500-600

From the Benson collection and purchased from French's on July 24, 1944 for \$4.00.



- 915 1814. O-104a, R-1. EF-40. Cleaned long ago with the usual minor hairlines in the fields and on the devices, but now toned with radiant gold and blue shades around the periphery.

Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.50.



- 916 1815. 5 over 2, O-101, R-2. PCGS graded EF-45. This is actually a middle die state, with the reverse starting to crack, and strong clash marks are noted on the reverse. Half dollar production slowed drastically during the 1812-1815 period as the American public and Philadelphia Mint were distracted with the War of 1812. By 1814 the British had invaded and burned much of Washington D.C. so all gold and silver was hoarded and not turned over to the Mint for coinage. Thus, only 47,150 half dollars were struck in 1815, using one pair of dies, the obverse having been dated 1812 and overdated when it was finally used. The Mint delivered the 1815 half dollars on January 10, 1816, the day before the Mint fire which destroyed the rolling mills thus ending gold and silver coinage for many months.

We note delightful hues of blue, yellow and gold around the obverse, bright at the center, on the reverse the toning is more yellow, with an irregular shaped area on the lower reverse. Clean surfaces and highly appealing for this rare date. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$16.00.

- 917 1817. 7 over 3, O-101, R-3. PCGS graded VF-25. Steel gray in the fields, lighter on the devices. Average surfaces for the grade.

Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$5.00.

- 918 1817. Dated 181.7, O-103, R-2. Fine-15. Bright at the centers and untuned, the periphery is bathed in deep blue and gold surrounding. Certainly cleaned long ago, but nicely recovered.

Estimated Value \$35-45

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on April 4, 1945 for \$7.50.

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Half Dollars

Near Gem 1817 Capped Bust Half



- 919 **1817. O-110, R-2. PCGS graded MS-64.** One of the highlights from the Benson collection, this stunning blue and gray toned boasts excellent surfaces and abundant eye appeal. Fully struck on the stars and eagle, with minor weakness noted on just a few of the obverse curls. Examination will note very few signs of contact, and the fields and face of Liberty are exceptional, even for this grade. Certainly one of the finest of this variety, as well as for the entire date. PCGS has graded 5 this high, with just 3 graded higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in 1944 for \$1.50.

- 920 **1817. O-110, R-2. EF-40.** Struck from clashed dies, with outlines of the central elements on the opposing die. Silver white at the centers, deep blue and gold at the rims. Problem free, save for a minor cleaning decades ago.

Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for \$2.00.

- 921 **1817. O-110a, R-2. VF-20.** Bright gold around the rims, with blue and green highlights on the obverse, the reverse with just a bit of gold at the edge.

Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for \$2.00.

- 922 **1817. O-106, R-2. Fine-15.** Wonderful toning on the obverse, and typical surfaces otherwise.

Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for \$2.00.



- 923 **1819. 9 over 8. O-102, R-2. AU-55.** A trifle softly struck but with plenty of mint luster remaining. Attractively toned.

Estimated Value \$300-350

- 924 **1818. 8 over 7, small 8, O-102, R-2. AU-50.** This one has been cleaned, with rather heavy hairlines on the surfaces. Toned back with blotches of yellow gold, mostly on the obverse. Still a decent example of the variety.

Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased June 3, 1944 from Ira S. Reed for \$1.60.



- 925 **1818. 8 over 7, large 8, O-103, R-3. Sharpness of AU-50.** A needle sharp strike with plenty of eye-appeal. We note under strong magnification an attempt was made to remove a mint caused defect on the neck.

Estimated Value \$250-300



- 926 **1818. O-112, R-1. PCGS graded AU-58.** Medium smoky gray on the obverse, with green and blue evenly distributed on the reverse. Examination will note minor tick marks on the left side of the reverse. Highly eye appealing for the grade.

Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.50.



- 927 **1818. O-114, R-3. PCGS graded AU-50.** This one has radiant blue peripheral toning on the obverse and decent luster in the fields. Clean surfaces for the grade, and well struck by the dies.

Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from French's July 24, 1944 for \$2.00

Half Dollars

- 928 1818. O-108, R-1, The Pincher 8's. VF-20 Cleaned.** There is a hidden rubber band burn across the lower obverse, and a much lighter one through Liberty's cap. In addition we note a central pin scratch that runs horizontally through the obverse. On the positive side, the coin is toned with magnificent peripheral toning.

Estimated Value \$25-30

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.50.

- 929 1819. Large 9 over 8, O-105, R-2. PCGS graded AU-50.** Steel gray for the most part, with darker hues at the top of the obverse, bottom of the reverse. Nicely struck from a clashed obverse die. Moderate hairlines.

Estimated Value \$275-325

From the Benson collection and purchased from Hughes on July 26, 1944 for \$2.00.

- 930 1819. Large 9 over 8, O-103, R-3. PCGS graded EF-45.** Nice luster and mostly untoned, save for a dark ring at the edge of gold and blue. The surfaces show more tiny ticks than others in this grade, but the coin is still appealing.

Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.60.

- 931 1819. Large 9 over 8, O-103a, R-4. EF-40.** There is a small but deep scratch below the bust to the right side of the second 1 in the date, and another small dig above the first 1. Nevertheless, this coin has gorgeous color, luster and surfaces otherwise, and the scratch is not that distracting. Further, the reverse die is shattered with the cracks noted in the Overton reference for the die state. A true collector coin despite its minor problem.

Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection and purchased from Celina Coin Co., on July 26, 1944 as "Unc" for \$4.00.



- 932 1819. O-112, R-3. AU-50.** This one has been cleaned and retoned with milky yellow shades which deepen to gold at the edge. Well struck, and a coin that could probably be improved by retoning.

Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from French's on July 24, 1944 for \$1.50.

- 933 1820. O-108, R-2. AU-58.** Gorgeous blue and green peripheral toning over lustrous fields, with the centers more steel gray in color on the obverse, the reverse similar, but more golden in color. Fully struck throughout, with the diagnostic double leaves sharply defined. Hairlines are at a minimum. While not a rare variety, the bust half dollars of 1820 are always popular with date and variety collectors alike.

Estimated Value \$400-500



- 934 1820. 20 over 19, square 2, O-101, R-2. PCGS graded AU-53.** Nice luster and color, with one thin line across parts of the obverse from star one to eight. Clean rims and average surfaces for the grade.

Estimated Value \$500-600

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister in 1944 for \$3.00.

- 935 1820. 20 over 19, curl 2, O-102, R-1. VF-30.** Good luster and color at the edges for the variety. Clean surfaces for the grade.

Estimated Value \$90-110

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source around 1944 for \$2.00.

- 936 1820. Square base, no knob 2, large date, O-108, R-2. VF-35.** Dipped and still bright at the centers, but with desirable blue and gold at the rims.

Estimated Value \$70-80

From the Benson collection and purchased from Celina Coin Company, July 26, 1944 for \$2.00.

- 937 1820. Square base, no knob 2, large date, O-108, R-2. VF-35.** Cleaned and retoned to a rather dull yellow gray.

Estimated Value \$60-80

From the Benson collection and purchased from French's July 24, 1944 for \$2.50.

- 938 1820. Square base, no knob 2, large date, O-108, R-2. Fine-15.** Cleaned long ago and nicely retoned with bright blue and gold at the rims.

Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source around 1944 for \$2.00.

- 939 1821. O-105, R-1. EF-40.** Pretty peripheral toning, but there are some scratches over the left wing of the eagle.

Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.50.

- 940 1822. O-108a, R-3. PCGS graded AU-53.** Iridescent blue and gold at the rims, while the centers are still bright on the obverse, the reverse with just a ring of gold at the edge. A couple of nicks above the last star. Nicely struck, and an excellent example of this late die state variety.

Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.50.

Half Dollars



- 941 **1823. O-106, R-3. PCGS graded AU-55.** A magnificent example that boasts gold toning at the edge, and strong luster throughout.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 12, 1944 for \$1.50.

- 942 **1823. O-108a, R-3. PCGS graded EF-40.** An especially beautiful example of this later die state because of the peripheral rainbow toning and hints of luster in the protected areas.
Estimated Value \$200-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from W. F. Webb on October 11, 1944 for \$1.61.

- 943 **1824. Over various dates, O-103, R-1. PCGS graded EF-40.** Toned with dark gold at the rims, and we note a couple of cuts in the left obverse field, and some shallow scrapes under the left wing of the eagle.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection and purchased from Hughes on July 26, 1944 for \$1.50.

Stunning Toned Gem 1824 Capped Bust Half



Enlarged



- 944 **1824. 4 over 4, O-110, R-2. NGC graded MS-66.** One of the finest graded of this date by NGC, tied with a couple of others, with a pair graded higher by that service. Brilliant blue, red and gold toning on the obverse over especially bright luster. The reverse similar, but mostly white with a thin ring of toning at the periphery. Boldly struck and high in the condition census for the variety, and date too! If you have long been searching for a really special coin, one that boasts deep, original blue toning, and one that is very high grade, then look no further than this lot. One of the highlights of the Benson collection, and certain excite even the most advanced collector. We note a thin double profile on Liberty's face. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$8,000-10,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Barney Bluestone on September 21, 1944 for \$1.74.

Half Dollars



- 945** 1824. O-116, R-3. PCGS graded AU-55. Medium gray with rose highlight in the fields on both sides. Well struck and preserved.

Estimated Value \$175-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from Barney Bluestone on September 22, 1944 for \$1.76.



- 946** 1824. O-111, R-2. PCGS graded EF-40. Dark blue and gray toning throughout with nice luster beneath. A strong double profile on Liberty. One rim bump over the I of AMERICA.

Estimated Value \$70-80

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for \$1.50.



- 947** 1824. O-111, R-2. EF-40. Reflective surfaces and toned around the edge. A strong double profile on Liberty as often seen from her chest to her upper curl.

Estimated Value \$70-80

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 24, 1944 for \$1.50.

- 948** 1824. O-110, R-2. VF-20. Antique gray at the centers, and with lovely peripheral toning. Minor handling marks.

Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 24, 1944 for \$1.50.



- 949** 1825. O-113, R-1. AU-55. Make sure to view this coin before the sale, as it has virtually the same eye appeal as the 1824 that NGC graded MS-66, but this one has a few faint scratches on the obverse. Blazing luster and deeply toned with electric blue and red on the obverse, mostly white on the reverse save for blue at the edge. Boldly struck, with mountainous curls on Liberty, and full feathers on the eagle. The reverse has some faint adjustment marks or roller lines which are present on the devices. Who knows, this one may fall through the cracks when it crosses the block.

Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 24, 1944 for \$1.60.



- 950** 1826. O-107, R-3. AU-55. This one has been lightly polished, but has now retoned with medium gray and gold on the obverse, lighter silver on the reverse. Nicely struck by the dies, with light cracks through the reverse legends.

Estimated Value \$125-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 24, 1944 for \$1.50.



- 951** 1826. O-116a, R-1. PCGS graded AU-53. Flashy luster and well struck by the dies, with deep peripheral toning on the obverse.

Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in 1944 for \$2.50.

Half Dollars

- 952 **1827. 7 over 6, O-102, R-1. VF-20.** This one has several scratches on the central obverse, and a few more on the reverse. Toned with lovely hues on the obverse.
Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$5.00.



- 953 **1827. Square base 2, O-104, R-1. NGC graded MS-64.** A fully struck specimen, nice and bold throughout. This gorgeous example shimmers with satiny white mint luster. Because it is a common variety, this beauty is an ideal type coin.
Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400

- 954 **1827. Square base 2, O-143, R-3. PCGS graded AU-55.** Excellent color and eye appeal, with a few scattered handling marks on both sides. Dark gold toning around the rims. Scarce this nice.
Estimated Value \$175-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.50.

- 955 **1827. Square base 2, O-104, R-1. PCGS graded AU-50.** Antique gray tones with sunset gold at the rims. Well struck and nicely preserved, with minimal handling marks. A common variety, but very nice overall.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection and purchased from Celina Coin Company on July 26, 1944 for \$2.50.

- 956 **1827. Curl base 2, O-146, R-2. PCGS graded AU-55.** Good luster in the fields and nice colors at the rims. Moderate handling marks from very brief circulation and a decent example of this popular and scarce curled base 2 variety.
Estimated Value \$170-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 12, 1944 for \$5.00.

- 957 **1828. Curl base, no knob 2, O-101, R-1. PCGS graded AU-53.** Blue, red and gold toning around the obverse rim, with some luster in the fields. Average handling marks, but much better eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$175-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for \$2.00.

- 958 **1828. Square base 2, large 8's, O-109, R-3. PCGS graded AU-50.** Satiny gray toning with antique gray at the rims. Moderate handling marks expected for the grade, and a pleasant coin overall.
Estimated Value \$170-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$4.00.



- 959 **1828. Square base 2, small 8's, O-116, R-2. AU-58.** This one shows hairlines from a cleaning on the obverse, but has retoned over the decades with fiery gold and blue at the rims, still bright at the center. Worth inspecting as you will find the colors quite bright and alluring.
Estimated Value \$175-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister for \$1.50.



- 960 **1828. Square base 2, small 8's, O-117, R-1. PCGS graded MS-62.** Dark steel gray in color with hints of blue near the rims and rose at the centers. A good strike by the dies, and the surfaces show minimal handling marks. We note one thin scratch at the inside point of the fourth star.
Estimated Value \$500-600

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.

- 961 **1829. 9 over 7, O-101a, R-1. PCGS graded EF-40.** Great peripheral color and well preserved. The surfaces show an average number of handling marks for the grade.
Estimated Value \$100-120

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for \$2.00.

- 962 **1829. 9 over 7, O-101a, R-1. Fine-15.** Cleaned with resulting hairlines in the fields. Dark toning on both sides.
Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection and purchased from Celina Coins on July 26, 1944 for \$3.00.

- 963 **1829. O-115, R-1. EF-40.** A stunning beauty that boasts glowing gold tones at the rims, and abundant mint frost. Well struck and preserved with delightful eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$75-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s for \$2.00.

Half Dollars

964 1829. O-108a, R-3. VF-20. Cleaned long ago and now toned with greenish gold around the rims, bright at the center of the obverse, the reverse mostly untoned.
Estimated Value \$35-45
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 24, 1944 for \$1.50.

965 1829. O-118, Rarity-4 and 1830. O-103, Rarity-2. The first grades AU-50, but is cleaned rather harshly, and the 1830 grades AU-55. Worth inspecting, as the 1829 is a tough variety. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$300-350

Extremely Rare Proof 1830 O-111 Bust Half



Enlarged



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966 1830. Small 0, O-111. NGC graded Proof 64. An Extremely Rare Proof Example. First off, examination of the mirror surfaces and strike confirm that this is a proof. The stars and full and complete, each of the thirteen showing full radial lines and most showing the central ridge which extends down the middle of each star arm. Further, the central clasp on Liberty's shoulder is sharp, and minute traces of doubling are noted on several of the peripheral devices, confirming at least two strikes from the dies. Well mirrored fields, including between the shield stripes from polished dies, which is expected on proofs. Minor weakness in the strike on the absolute top most curls, and on the eagle's left claw above the C. The surfaces are toned with gold and sunset yellow colors predominating, with blue splashes near the edge of both sides. Frosted on the devices, and the coin boasts good contrast.
No others have been reported in proof of this die pairing, and it is quite possibly *Unique* in proof. Further research will likely enhance the rarity of this date and variety in proof.

As to the rarity, we note PCGS has graded a single example in Proof as PR-62. NGC reports only a single coin graded in proof, this example as PF-64. Estimates of the total population range from four to ten coins, of various die pairings, and we were able to locate auction records of at most six different coins over the past 100 or so years (others may have been offered, but this the information we could reasonably locate) as follows:

- 1). Bowers and Ruddy's Terrell Sale, 5/73:837: The present coin. Note the two tiny specks below TE of UNITED for the plate match.
- 2). Lester Merkin's Sale, 2/12/71: 720 later Stack's Reed Hawn Sale, 8/73:93 (two toning dots over head). (Both plated)
- 3). 1949 ANA Sale, Numismatic Gallery, lot 1482 (No plate) at \$38.00.
- 4). David Aker's John Jay Pittman Sale II, 5/20/98:1494 "possible proof", O-108, realized \$10,450. (Plate).
- 5). Stack's Davis-Graves Sale, 1954:519 "has break from D to ribbon" at \$30. (No plate).
- 6). Chapman's Parmelee Sale, 1890: 998 at \$5.50 (No plate).

Some duplication is likely in the above group, and not all coins were plated making confirmation of the pieces known extremely difficult if not impossible. With so few known, the present coin is likely either the Parmelee or the 1949 ANA coin (or both!) but this is uncertain until individual notes are studied from attendees of the auction who examined and made notes about the coins offered. Breen notes only Overton-110 as a known variety in Proof in his Proof reference, and later in his Encyclopedia mentions "several varieties of proofs" but does not enumerate the Overton numbers that he had seen.

A foremost opportunity for the specialist to purchase an extremely rare coin.

Remember that proofs from this era were issued on a hit or miss basis. In some years a dozen of various denominations may have been coined, in other years none. As seen above, the 1830 proof half dollar is an extremely rare animal. One could argue that there are half a dozen known, and could just as easily argue that this 1830 proof half dollar is unique. Whatever the case, we heartily recommend this beautiful proof coin. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$15,000-UP

From Bowers and Ruddy's Terrell Sale, May 18-19, 1973, lot 837, prior and past offerings possible.

Half Dollars

- 967 1830. Small 0, O-107, R-2. PCGS graded EF-45. Nearly the "a" die state but lacking the lower crack through the last couple of stars. Dark russet and blue toning and quite lovely for the conservative grade assigned.
Estimated Value \$60-70

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for \$2.25.

- 968 1830. Small 0, O-110, R-3. VF-35. Moderate hairlines beneath the lovely peripheral toning, with the centers still bright.
Estimated Value \$30-40

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.40.

- 969 1830. Small 0, O-108, R-3. Fine-12 but harshly cleaned. Harshly cleaned and possibly scraped on the obverse, but now retoned. Inspection a must.
Estimated Value \$25-35

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source for \$1.50.

- 970 1830. Large 0, O-123, R-1. PCGS graded EF-45. Beautiful toning around the obverse periphery, with gold on the reverse edge too. Good luster and well preserved.
Estimated Value \$60-70

From the Benson collection and purchased from Celina Coin Co., on July 26, 1944 for \$3.50.



- 971 1831 O-106, R-3. MS-64 or better. Beautiful russet and blue toning over lustrous fields and devices. We note the devices are sharply impressed, and that this is a scarce die pairing. This one is at the low end of the condition census for the variety, but we would expect this magnificent coin to sell to a type collector who is assembling a high grade mint state collection. An outstanding example that was put away many years ago and just finally come back into the light of day.
Estimated Value \$2,500-UP



- 972 1831. O-107, R-3. PCGS graded AU-58. Strong luster and graced by lovely toning around the periphery.
Estimated Value \$200-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in 1944 for \$1.50.



- 973 1832. Normal. O-110, R-1. NGC graded MS-63. A sparkling frosty mint specimen exhibiting a near full strike on the obverse with an area of weakness on the reverse at PLURIBUS. We notice some minor green stains in some of the protected areas, one of note behind the cap. We suspect that NGC has taken this into consideration and graded this coin accordingly. In our opinion, these minor stains are removable and as such, this coin could grade even higher.
Estimated Value \$700-800

- 974 1832. O-102, R-1. PCGS graded AU-55. Wonderful peripheral toning on the obverse, with similar but lighter gold on the reverse rims. Well struck by the dies, and we note minimal hairlines and handling marks.
Estimated Value \$170-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 3, 1944 for \$1.50.



- 975 1832. O-122, R-1. AU-55 and a possible proof. This coin is a possible proof, as the fields are entirely reflective and mirror like, including between the shields lines on the reverse. However, it briefly circulated and the fields are now hairlined. A few areas of dark patina are noted on both sides, but the coin is virtually untuned. As far as we know, Overton-122 was not a die pairing used to produce proofs, and this could possibly be a very early strike after the dies were just prepared. Boldly struck on the stars, Liberty and the eagle, the only weakness is on the top of the 0 in the denomination. As always, inspection recommended so you can make up your own mind as to if this is a proof.
Estimated Value \$500-UP

- 976 1832. O-106, R-1. VF-35. Steel gray and nice for the grade.
Estimated Value \$40-45

From the Benson collection and purchased in the 1940s for \$1.50.

- 977 1832. O-118, R-1. VF-35. This one is hard to attribute as there is virtually no reeding to work with for diagnostics. It does have a double corner on the left side of the shield. Dark steel gray with some areas of deep gold.
Estimated Value \$40-45

From the Benson collection and purchased in the 1940s for \$1.50.

Half Dollars



- 978** 1832. Large letters, O-101a, R-1. AU-58. Quintessential Benson toning on this gorgeous coin, with rings of vibrant blues and gold around the obverse, and a much smaller but still vibrant ring on the reverse. One small planchet streak before Liberty's face in the field. A few hairlines, expected on these, but blazing luster and excellent quality for the grade. Well struck for the large letters variety, with the usual long die break on the reverse from the left wing to the olive leaves, and die rust behind the eagle's head.
Estimated Value \$175-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on October 13, 1944 for \$10.00 as "Proof", because of the reflective surfaces.



- 979** 1833. O-102, R-1. NGC graded MS-64. Satiny gray gold toning on both sides over lustrous fields. Struck from worn dies as are most seen, with slightly drawn stars and other design elements. The antique toning really enhances the eye appeal of this coin. Probably in the top half dozen known, and just a hair behind a couple of gems reported on the Parsley-Overton census.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 980** 1833. O-112, R-2. PCGS graded AU-55. Excellent surfaces and quality for the grade, with blue and gold around the obverse periphery and strong luster in the fields.
Estimated Value \$170-200
From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source around 1944 for \$2.50.



- 981** 1834. Large date and letters, O-101, R-1. AU-50. This one was cleaned long ago, but has retoned with brilliant blue and red at the periphery, more gold on the reverse edge. The edge lettering is blundered, something like CENTS ORLF... We also note a couple of tiny rim bruises. Quite appealing overall.
Estimated Value \$100-125
From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for \$1.50.

- 982** 1834. Large date and letters, O-102, R-1. EF-40. Minor hairlines from an old cleaning, but retone with gold around the obverse, mostly white on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$50-60
From the Benson collection and purchased from French's on July 24, 1944 for \$2.00.

- 983** 1834. Large date, small letters, O-107, R-1. PCGS graded AU-50. Deep steel gray in color with rubbed high points on Liberty's face breaking into the toning.
Estimated Value \$150-175
From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for \$1.50.

- 984** 1834. Small date, stars and letters, O-111, R-1. PCGS graded AU-53. This is the so called "child's head" because of Liberty's wide eyed, round cheeked appearance. Beautiful toning and a pleasant example.
Estimated Value \$170-200
From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 24, 1944 for \$1.50.

- 985** 1834. Small date, stars and letters, O-119, R-3. EF-40. Antique gray in color and well preserved. Nice quality for the grade.
Estimated Value \$50-60
From the Benson collection and purchased from French's on July 24, 1944 for \$2.00.

- 986** 1834. Small date, stars and letters, O-109, R-1. EF-40. Beautiful multicolored toning on the obverse, less so on the reverse. Average surfaces.
Estimated Value \$50-60
From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 24, 1944 for \$1.50.

Half Dollars



- 987 **1835. O-105, R-1. PCGS graded AU-58.** A classic example of a choice coin that has just a hair of rub on the high points. Good luster, splendid color and frost devices combine to give this one abundant appeal. Typical weakness on the reverse motto.

Estimated Value \$175-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on June 24, 1944 for \$1.40.



- 988 **1836. Lettered edge, O-106, R-1. PCGS graded AU-58.** Minor handling marks and hairlines on both sides, and this one has lovely dark gold toning around the periphery. Nicely struck, with the usual weakness on the first nine stars, which is diagnostic to the variety. Strong luster and abundant appeal.

Estimated Value \$200-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from Celina Coin Co., on July 26, 1944 for \$2.00 as "uncirculated".

- 989 **1836. Lettered edge, O-122, R-2. EF-40.** Cleaned long ago with the usual hairlines on both sides, and these should be inspected. Lovely shades of blue and gold around both the obverse and reverse.

Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister in June 1944 for \$1.50.



- 990 **1836. Reeded edge. PCGS graded AU-50.** Steel gray at the centers and toned with hazy blue around the periphery. Minor hairlines from handling, but clean surfaces and solid for the grade. As the Philadelphia Mint finally was able to purchase a new steam press, the first coins made were these reeded edge half dollars. Mint records show 1,200 were struck, and most were saved as the first of their kind. Always in demand and seldom offered in such nice condition.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Celina Coin Co., July 26, 1944 for \$15.00 as "Very Fine".



- 991 **1837. MS-60.** Mostly white in color with some gold and blue toning at the rims, and strong luster remains despite a light cleaning and the usual hairlines on the surfaces. Boldly struck with full curls on Liberty, and no signs of wear. Minor die cracks on both sides.

Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for \$2.00.

- 992 **1837. PCGS graded AU-55.** Gunmetal gray and even toning throughout, with some luster beneath. The upper devices show only a trace of wear. Another appealing example.

Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source for \$1.25 in the 1940s.

- 993 **1837. AU-55.** A problem-free example with plenty of mint luster remaining.

Estimated Value \$250-300

Half Dollars



- 994 1837. PCGS graded AU-50.** Deep blue at the rims, then gold, then silvery white at the centers on the obverse, the reverse with a ring of blue and gold at the extreme edge. Well struck, and only a few minor handling marks from circulation.
Estimated Value \$225-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from Celina Coin Co., on July 26, 1944 for \$2.00.



- 995 1838. PCGS graded AU-55.** Frosty luster in the fields and boldly struck by the dies, we note deep blue and gold at the edge, and just a few trivial hairlines. An important type coin for the collector. Faint adjustment marks are noted on both sides.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on November 22, 1944 for \$2.00.

- 996 1838. PCGS graded AU-50.** Some luster in the protected areas, and dark blue toning near the rims.
Estimated Value \$250-275

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source for \$2.25.

- 997 1839. AU-55.** This one has been cleaned long ago, but has lovely and colorful toning on the obverse now. A few hairlines and the surfaces are reflective.
Estimated Value \$175-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 12, 1944 for \$4.00.



- 998 1839-O. PCGS graded AU-50.** A few ticks and scrapes on either side, nothing too deep or distracting. Ringed with blue and gold through the obverse stars, silvery gray otherwise. Struck from the common die pairing with numerous cracks on each side.
Estimated Value \$800-900

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on September 6, 1944 for \$5.00.

- 999 A group of Bust half dollars.** This group includes 1812, 2 over 1 NGC graded F-12; 1822 PCI graded EF-45; 1830 SEGS graded XF-40 cleaned "star" holder; 1832 ANACS graded AU-55; 1833 PCI graded VF-35 and 1835 PCI graded AU-53. Most are bright and untuned, and these were not checked for varieties. Lot of 6 coins.
Estimated Value \$175-225

Liberty Seated Half Dollars



- 1000 1842. Small date. MS-63.** Gray and gold mottled toning on both sides and we note some faint hairlines in the fields. Well struck by the dies, with a rim break over TAT on the reverse and some peripheral cracks too. This issue is much scarcer than the large date variety of the year.
Estimated Value \$2,500-UP

- 1001 1844. EF-40.** This one has a recut 18 in the date, and is toned with deep gray on both sides.
Estimated Value \$50-70

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 20, 1944 for \$2.00.

Half Dollars

The Eliasberg Proof 1853 Liberty Seated Half Dollar With Arrows and Rays



Enlarged



1002 1853. Arrows and rays. NGC graded Proof 65. Here is a spectacular specimen of this extremely rare and desirable one year type coin. It is instantly recognizable by a small planchet streak in the right wing of the eagle as the Eliasberg coin, plus this fact is announced on the NGC insert. Toned with champagne and light gold colors throughout over the deeply mirrored fields. Perhaps 10 were struck, and no doubt just a handful are known today. The current NGC Population Report shows 4 are graded by that service, 1 as PF-63; this coin as PF-65; and 2 as PF-66 and in addition 1 coin is listed as a Mint State Specimen-66 by NGC. PCGS has graded 5 examples as follows: 3 as PR-63, 1 as PR-64 and 1 as PR-65. Therefore, this coin is certainly one of the better ones known, and extremely important as a one year type coin, the only year the both arrows and rays were used to announce to the world that the silver content had been slightly reduced reflecting the wild swings in prices caused by the California Gold Rush and tons of gold coming to market. This caused the price of silver to actually *rise* relative to the price of gold, as the gold price fell. By 1852 virtually all silver coins had disappeared from circulation, and were in fact worth *more* than face value. The situation was so bad that silver coins could actually be taken from circulation and melted for a sizable profit. Therefore, very little silver was brought to the mints for coinage, and mintages fell. Congress acted by reducing the required amount of silver for half dimes through half dollars (the silver dollar for some reason left out of this adjustment, as few were coined anyway at that time). To identify these new lighter weight coins, the Mint added arrows at the date and rays around the eagle. These arrows and rays were added so the new coins wouldn't join the older ones in the melting pot, and thus the shortage of small silver coins in circulation could finally be corrected.

Research has shown that no 1853 proof sets were coined (see Bowers Eliasberg sale, lot 1956) and thus mintages of proofs were scattered and depended on orders. Needless to say, this is an extremely rare coin, and the opportunity to purchase one may not occur again for many years.

Extensive die file lines are visible on Liberty, around the eagle, and through the reverse legends, and these are detailed in the Eliasberg description of this same coin. A foremost rarity in any grade, and this stunning gem example will undoubtedly become the centerpiece of a most advanced connoisseurs collection. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$100,000-150,000

From Bowers and Merena's Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr. Collection, Part II, April 1997, Lot 1956, with no prior pedigree listed, although likely from the George H. Clapp collection and purchased from an unknown source by him.

Half Dollars



- 1003 1854. Arrows. PCGS graded MS-65.** Here is an exceptional coin that boasts virtually mark-free surfaces and good luster. Well struck on the left stars, while the right stars are generally flat, the reverse is sharp throughout. As to the toning, it is a delicate layer of gold over the entire coin, and abundant luster resides beneath. PCGS has only graded 4 this high, with 6 graded higher, all MS-66. The with arrows type was made for just two short years, 1854 to 1855, to announce to the world the small reduction in the amount of silver used to coin these from previous years.
Estimated Value \$5,000-6,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 20, 1944 for \$3.00.



- 1004 1854. Arrows. NGC graded MS-64.** A well struck example, fully lustrous and attractively toned. Both sides exhibit a natural blending of medium violet and gold with some electric blue highlights scattered about.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,750



- 1005 1854-O. Arrows. PCGS graded MS-64.** A splendid frosty mint example and as fresh a specimen as you will ever see. A natural pinkish-grey tone covers the surfaces on both sides.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,250



- 1006 1854-O. Arrows. MS-63.** A beautiful untuned frosty mint specimen, about as fresh an example as you will see.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500



- 1007 1857. NGC graded MS-64.** A choice, steel-white example, exhibiting a better than average strike. Some faint planchet roller lines appear across the central portion of Liberty, these were present when made.
Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500

Rare Proof 1858 Liberty Seated Half Dollar



- 1008 1858. PCGS graded Proof 64.** A rare proof issue that is seldom found, it is estimated that only 100 were struck in Proof. PCGS has graded 13 this high, with 4 graded higher. This particular one has medium steel toning over minor hairlines in the fields. Perfectly struck, as expected for a proof, and we note that this is an example of the "low date" as mentioned in Breen's proof book. One short lint mark below the first star to the rim will serve to identify it.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on December 4, 1945 for \$22.50.

Half Dollars

Gorgeous Proof 1858 Half



- 1009 1858. PCGS graded Proof 64.** A lovely example of this rare proof issue, this one boasts deep blue at the rims, vibrant gold next, and highly reflective fields and devices. This is one of Breen's "high date" examples, as the 5 nearly touches the rock above. One minor lint mark inside of the sixth star and a few others in the fields. If you want a real beauty to represent this rare proof date, then take a look at this one, we think it has truly exceptional eye appeal. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Milferd H. Bolender on February 15, 1946 for \$21.00.



- 1010 1858. NGC graded MS-65.** Light antique gray toning on both sides of this gem, with one lighter patch on the upper right side of the obverse. Excellent luster in the fields and the surfaces are extremely nice for the grade. NGC has only graded 5 this high, with 1 graded higher (unless this coin was just submitted and not yet in the published population report). One of the best to come down to us of this so-called common date, but as we noted, this date is certainly downright rare in gem grades. Well struck although a few stars show minor central weakness, the central devices are strong.

Estimated Value \$3,500-4,500

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- 1011 1858. NGC graded MS-65.** This gem has gorgeous original toning around the periphery, with deep blue and red through the stars and edges, while the centers are frosty and white. Further, this is a scarce variety, WB-105, which is extremely rare in any mint state grade. The 5 has two projections on the right side, these are from an inverted 1 mispunched in that location. NGC has only graded 5 this high, with a single coin graded higher. Note there is a small planchet flaw near the arm in the field between the first couple of stars, but this is mint caused and not detracting. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,500-4,500



- 1012 1858. PCGS graded MS-62.** Dark gunmetal gray on both sides with glowing areas of blue near the rims. One faint scratch on Liberty's chest, but it can only be seen with a glass.

Estimated Value \$350-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from Chapman on June 20, 1944 for \$3.00.



- 1013 1858. MS-60+.** Pretty obverse toning on this well struck coin but the reverse has gold toning which is mottled when viewed with a glass. Struck from clashed dies.

Estimated Value \$350-400

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Half Dollars



- 1014 1859. PCGS graded Proof 61.** Frosty at the centers and toned around the edges with deep blue and gold. The fields show rather moderate hairlines from a past cleaning, and hence the uninspiring grade.

Estimated Value \$500-600

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

Remarkable Gem 1859-S Seated Liberty Half Dollar



Enlarged



- 1015 1859-S Believed to be the Finest Known Medium "S".** NGC graded MS-68. This spectacular coin came from the Eliasberg sale in April 1997. It is snowy white in color, and very frosty on the devices. The strike is sharp, with most of the stars showing all but the finest lines at the centers. Although 566,000 were coined, most were spent or lost during the Civil War, and very few have been found in mint state condition. This coin is the finest graded by NGC, and we note a similar MS-68 graded at PCGS, which in all probability is the "large S" example that was also offered in the Eliasberg sale. Quality such as this must be seen to be believed, and we recommend a few moments spent with this lot to all bidders who can view the sale.

Estimated Value \$35,000-UP

From John G. Mills collection, S.H. and H. Chapman, April 27-29, 1904; J. M. Clapp; John M. Clapp estate, 1942; to Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr., Bowers and Merena Galleries, April 1997, lot 1980.

Half Dollars



- 1016 1860. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Lovely blue peripheral toning and yellow gold at the center of the obverse, the reverse a matte gray color. Sharply struck, but cleaned long ago with the resulting hairlines notable in the fields. Scarce, and still quite appealing. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$550-600

From the Benson collection and purchased from Celina Coin Company on February 10, 1945 for \$12.50.



- 1017 1861. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Well frosted on the devices, and the fields and rims are toned a deep silver gray. The fields show few signs of hairlines or other similar problems, and this is nice for the grade.

Estimated Value \$700-800

From the Benson collection and purchased from Stack's on October 21, 1944 for \$12.50.



- 1018 1861. MS-60.** This one has probably been cleaned long ago as the surfaces are more reflective than usual, but still retain abundant luster. Delicate blue and gold toning around the periphery, bright elsewhere.

Estimated Value \$200-250

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 21, 1944 for \$3.00.



- 1019 1862. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Dark golden gray in the fields, with blue at the rims, and frosty white at the centers of the obverse, while the reverse is more gray and hazy gold. Scarce this nice, with well preserved surfaces throughout.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from Stack's on October 21, 1944 for \$8.00.



- 1020 1863. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A magnificent gem proof specimen boasting an evenly distributed blend of midnight blue and violet iridescent toning. Certainly one of the more beautiful survivors from a mintage of only 460 struck.

Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000



- 1021 1863. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Toned with yellow and green shades on both sides over minor hairlines in the fields. The colors are not as well organized on this one as most of the others. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$500-600

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

Half Dollars



- 1022 1864. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Superb toning on this one with radiant blue and gold around the edges, and well frosted on the devices. No handling marks worth noting, and hairlines are at a minimum.

Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

One Of The Finest Proof 1865 Halves



- 1023 1865. PCGS graded Proof 66.** This one is nearly off the charts. Milky white toning with mottled green and gold around the obverse periphery, the reverse toning more organized with blue and gold around the rim, blazing white at the centers. Hairlines, if any, are faint. Handling marks are virtually non-existent. Identifiable by a tiny mark on the cap. Fully struck, and outstanding in every way. We note that PCGS has graded just 8 this high, *with none graded higher!* Don't miss this one if you want a spectacular example for your set of this scarce proof issue.

Estimated Value \$7,000-9,000

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group from B. Max Mehl on April 2, 1945 for \$12.50.

Superb Proof 1866 Liberty Seated Half Dollar



- 1024 1866. With motto. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Bullseye blue and gold toning on the obverse with a large center white area, less toning on the reverse. A few very minor hairlines can be seen with a glass and a strong light, but no other handling marks are seen. This is the (slightly) recut date variety. PCGS notes in their Population Report that 4 have been graded this high, with none graded higher. A frosty delight for the connoisseur. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group from B. Max Mehl on April 2, 1945 for \$8.00.

Tied For The Finest Proof 1867 Liberty Seated Half Dollar



- 1025 1867. PCGS graded Proof 66.** One of the finest graded of this date, PCGS notes 5 this high, again, with none graded higher. Deep gold, red and blue on the obverse, with the central bright area a bit left of center, which remains untuned from many decades storage in the Wayne Raymond National Pages album. Well frosted on the devices, and strongly struck. Traces of faint hairlines, but no real signs of handling otherwise, keeping this coin in the pristine gem category.

Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

- 1026 1867. Proof 60.** We note some scratches in the left obverse field, well concealed by the deep multi-color toning. Together with: **1885 Dime in Mint State 60.** Two coins in lot.

Estimated Value \$400-450

Half Dollars



- 1027 1868. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Magnificent blue and gold around the rims, with well frosted devices on each side. Trivial hairlines from a higher grade, and we note two minute specks on the obverse, one before Liberty's face, another between the eleventh and twelfth stars. Scarce any better, and tough to find this nice.

Estimated Value \$600-800

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1028 1869. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Delicate blue and gold around the edge, and bright elsewhere. Minor hairlines and just a couple of tiny ticks from handling. One minute lint mark below the left side of the rock on the obverse, shaped like a question mark, will serve to identify.

Estimated Value \$600-800

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1029 1870. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Great color at the edges and mostly white at the centers, with some hairlines accounting for the grade.

Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group from B. Max Mehl on April 2, 1945 for \$8.00.



- 1030 1871. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Hazy toning at the center of the obverse, which changes to gold then blue at the rim. Similar on the reverse but the toning is in the form of an arc on the left side. Moderate hairlines in the fields account for the grade, great eye appeal though.

Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1031 1872. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Exceptional toning on the obverse with bulls eye white at the center, blue, gold and yellow toning around in rings. The reverse is especially frosty. As to the strike, it is sharp on the obverse, with minor weakness on the eagle's head. Another scarce issue, especially so nice. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$600-800

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1032 1873. No arrows, closed 3. PCGS graded Proof 63.** A choice coin that boasts select peripheral toning and good appeal. We note minor hairlines, and a couple of ticks, including a hidden one just left of the shield on the obverse.

Estimated Value \$450-500

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

Half Dollars



- 1033 1873. Arrows. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Mostly white, with dark shades at the periphery of both sides. Moderate hairlines which account for the grade.
Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased from Hollinbeck on March 13, 1945 for \$12.00.

One of the Finest Graded 1874 Arrows Half Dollars



Enlarged



- 1034 1874. Arrows. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Gorgeous surfaces that show virtually no signs of handling or any similar problem. Deeply toned with blues and dark gray, and we note some lighter rose hues on the devices. A rare proof type coin, and certainly one of the finest known in fact the PCGS Population Report shows this alone as the only PR-66, with a single coin graded higher at PR-67. A coin for the finest proof type set in the land. The arrows variety with motto were made for just 1873 and 1874, and in very limited quantities. To locate a high end gem is nearly impossible, so don't pass this one by. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$12,500-UP

Half Dollars



- 1035 1874. Arrows. PCGS graded Proof 62.** This one has some very light marks on the upper obverse devices where the coin came in contact with something that slid over the surfaces. Nevertheless, the color and surfaces are otherwise typical of a proof of the era, with nice toning and eye appeal. A bit more toning would go a long way.

Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased from Celina Coin Co., on February 10, 1945 for \$8.00.



- 1036 1875. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Lovely color and clean surfaces throughout. Blue and gold around the periphery, just as you like it.

Estimated Value \$600-800

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

Resplendent Gem Proof 1876 Liberty Seated Half



- 1037 1876 The Atwater Coin. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Here is a coin who's pedigree is nearly as rich as its toning! Seductive blue and green around the obverse, gold around the reverse. Frosty devices and very well preserved. PCGS notes that only 5 have been graded this high, with none graded higher of this important centennial date. It would be hard to imagine a better coin to represent this date or type. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl's W. C. Atwater Sale, June 11, 1946 for \$10.50.



- 1038 1877. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Great color, but the grade is dragged down by hairlines in the fields. We also note a tiny amber speck in the field near Liberty's elbow which is raised and should be removed, or will soon form a larger toning spot there. Frosty and still appealing for the moderate grade assigned.

Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1039 1877. NGC graded MS-66.** A splendid gem example exploding with white mint frost and a hint of natural russet toning resting about the borders on both sides. What a wonderful type coin.

Estimated Value \$2,200-2,500

Stunning Gem Proof 1878 Liberty Seated Half Dollar



- 1040 1878. PCGS graded Proof 66.** A winter blast of frost on the devices provides good contrast with the mirror fields. All is enhanced by a complex ring of toning around the edge through the stars and date, with similar peripheral toning on the reverse. PCGS agrees, and we note that they have only graded 3 coins this high of the date, and none are graded higher! As close to perfect as one could hope.

Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

Half Dollars

Pristine 1879 Liberty Seated Half In Proof



- 1041 1879. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Deep smoky blue and gray toning encircles Liberty, leaving a large untuned area at the center. Similar on the reverse, but the toning is on the left side, with rose to russet elsewhere. Close study reveals no problems, and we believe this coin could grade even higher than the monumental grade already received. As always, view it for yourself and make up your own mind. PCGS has graded 13 this high, with 4 graded above, all PR-67. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

Seductive 1881 Proof



- 1044 1881. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Abundant eye appeal on this smoky blue toned gem, we note a bright area around the shield, and the reverse has less toning. Excellent surfaces that show no hairlines of any consequence. As to the strike, we see minor weakness on the high points of Liberty. Identifiable by a thin line on Liberty's chest, probably mint caused. PCGS has only graded 10 this high, with none graded higher. Another opportunity for the specialist. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1042 1879. PCGS graded MS-65.** A blistering gem that boasts hot white luster and gorgeous vibrant blue toning on both sides. Get a load of the right wing on the eagle! Minor handling marks on both sides, mostly hidden on the devices. Well struck, and somewhat common in this grade, with 35 graded as such by PCGS, with 37 graded higher, but few could possibly show such alluring colors.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for \$2.50.



- 1045 1882. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Nice toning and well preserved, but the fields show moderate hairlines, which account for the grade.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1043 1880. PCGS graded Proof 63.** This one is a touch dull, with minor hairlines in the fields, and wonderful toning around the obverse.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1046 1883. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Silvery gray at the centers, toned with lovely blue and gold around the edges of the obverse and reverse. Another scarce date which was coined during the time when virtually the entire output of the various mints was silver dollars and large gold coins. Only 1,039 were coined in Proof.
Estimated Value \$600-800

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

Half Dollars

Superb Gem Proof 1884 Liberty Seated Half



- 1047 1884. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Here is one of the highest grade proofs from this stunning and memorable run from the Benson collection. The surfaces are toned with perfect sea blue at the rims, which change to reddish gold then gold, while the centers remain hazy white. Examination will note virtually no signs of contact, not even hairlines to distract the eye! One tiny speck left of the left wing of the eagle. As near to perfect as we can imagine, check it out if you love quality. PCGS has graded just 2 this high, with a single coin graded higher from the original mintage of 875 coins. If you want one of the best, bid high. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$6,000-7,000

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1048 1885. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Delightful old time album toning on this one, which mitigates the minor hairlines in the fields. A whole lot of coin for the moderate grade assigned.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

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- 1049 1886. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Deeply toned around the periphery with blue, which quickly turns to reddish gold in a ring that runs right through Liberty's eyes! The centers are blast white with icy frost heaped on the devices. PCGS has graded 22 this high, with 14 graded higher of this date. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1050 1887. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Excellent and colorful toning on both sides, with gold at the centers surrounded by blue at the rims. Not all that well struck, with minor weakness on Liberty's head and a few of the stars, which is typical of this issue (Breen). Trivial hairlines, but truly nice for the grade for its rich colors which are a feast for the eyes. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$600-800

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1051 1888. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Bright blue at the rims, frosty at the centers. Moderate hairlines in the fields, but they are not that distracting. There is a thin line down Liberty's right arm, which is almost certainly mint caused, as it continues up into the field above through the star. A lot of appeal for the uninspired grade.
Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

Half Dollars



- 1052 1889. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Minor hairlines in the fields, and wonderfully toned with dark gold and blue shades. This is an early die state which shows the lump on the 9, which for a brief time was pronounced an "overdate". This feature is seen on about half of the issue, and has been generally accepted to simply be a minor cutting error or die lump and is not an overdate according to current expert opinion.

Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on April 2, 1945 for \$7.50.

Astounding Gem Proof 1890 Half Dollar



- 1053 1890. PCGS graded Proof 67.** One of the finest graded of this date according to PCGS, who note 9 this high, with none graded higher. Full blazing white frost on the devices and lettering, which combine with the decades old toning around the edges to create a resplendent picture. Mintages plunged to 590 in proof for the year, and this one is certainly one of the very best by any standards. Identifiable by a minor planchet flaw through the eagle's beak. This one has enough frost to possibly be a cameo.

Estimated Value \$6,000-7,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on April 2, 1945 for \$10.00.



- 1054 1891. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Flashy and white at the centers with rich blue and gold at the periphery. The surfaces show a scattering of ticks, including one on each arm and a few in the fields. PCGS has graded 17 this high with 9 graded higher. This is the final year of issue of the Seated Liberty design.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

Barber Half Dollars



- 1055 1892. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Hazy gold and blue toning on both sides and simply beautiful in every way. Minor hairlines in the fields, and this one was graded rather harshly by PCGS, see what you think. A lot of eye appeal for a moderate price.

Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1056 1892. PCGS graded MS-65 Premium Quality.** Here is a gorgeous gem coin that boasts desirable antique gold and green toning at the periphery, hugging all the devices, the centers frosty silver gray. A few trivial mint caused lines on Liberty's face, these caused when the planchets were rolled out. Certainly a high grade coin that deserves another look at the services, as the appeal is beyond the grade assigned, as well as the technical quality too. Take a long look at this one.

Estimated Value \$2,500-UP

Half Dollars



- 1057 1892. PCGS graded MS-65.** First year of issue of the new Barber design, and some were hoarded as the first of their kind. This one is bright white with a delicate ring of gold around the obverse and reverse periphery. A couple of lines and ticks on the face, but even so, this one could grade higher as the surfaces are exceptional. PCGS has graded 52 this high, with 33 higher. Estimated Value \$1,700-2,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for \$3.00.



- 1058 1893. PCGS graded Proof 65.** This coin is an artists palette of gold and red with several other colors mixed in at the rims. Steel gray on the devices, and exceptionally pretty. Estimated Value \$1,700-1,900

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1059 1893. NGC graded Proof 65.** Deep blue around the periphery of both sides, lighter at the centers, but still toned. A few lines on Liberty from a higher grade. Rare in full gem grades. Estimated Value \$1,700-1,900



- 1060 1893-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** An absolutely stunning coin! This beauty radiates with undisturbed satin mint luster overlaid with a gorgeous array of natural russet and violet tones. Definitely worthy of a premium bid. Estimated Value \$900-1,100

Toned Gem Proof 1894 Barber Half



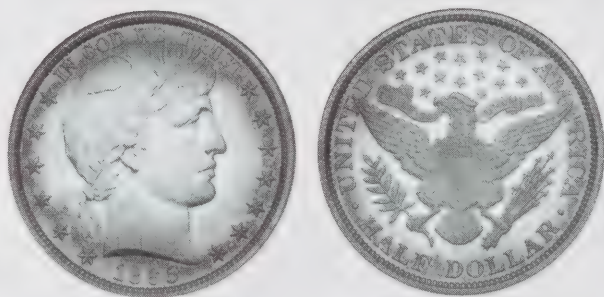
- 1061 1894. NGC graded Proof 67.** A truly high end gem proof of this date. 972 were struck for the collectors that ordered one for 1894. Most are in lower proof grades. Once in a long while, a true gem turns up as seen here. The surfaces are toned with a deep crackle finish of gold and green, generally even on both sides. NGC has graded 21 this high, including their various permutations, with just 4 graded higher of the date. Outstanding quality, any way you look at it. Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000



- 1062 1894. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Moderate hairlines account for the grade, but toned with desirable blue and gold around the rims. Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.

Half Dollars



- 1063 1895. NGC graded Proof 65.** Deep peripheral toning and lighter at the centers. Excellent contrast and frosty devices coupled with the mirror fields. Trivial hairlines from a higher grade. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,750-UP



- 1064 1895. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Snowy white at the center of the obverse, and toned around the rims with dark blue and gold. We note a thin hairline on the cheek, and others in the field, which apparently limited the grade.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1065 1896. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Frosty white at the center, and toned russet and blue at the edge. Moderate hairlines in the field and on Liberty's face. Loads of eye appeal without breaking the bank.
Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ben's Stamp & Coin Co., November 21, 1944 for \$8.00.

Vibrantly Toned Proof 1897 Barber Half



- 1066 1897. PCGS graded Proof 66.** One of the most colorful coins in this long run of Proofs, and that says a lot! Rich blue and red on Liberty's neck, with the centers a light gold, and darker hues surround in the fields. The reverse white for the most part, with reddish gold at the rims. Deeply frosted devices and as near to perfect as one could hope. Curiously, this is the "common" date in gem proof condition, as PCGS has graded 22 this high, with an astounding 20 graded higher! Nevertheless, any true numismatist who loves wildly toned coins, will certainly do well to acquire this gem. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,400-2,800

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on April 12, 1945 for \$9.00.

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Half Dollars

Monumental 1897-O Probable Branch Mint Proof



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- 1067 1897-O The Finest Graded by PCGS! PCGS graded MS-68.** Here is a wonder coin, the surfaces approach absolute perfection and the boasts hazy white toning with an arc of blue and gold at the top of the obverse. Examination will note the fields are prooflike, and this is certainly an early impression from the dies (struck soon after they were polished up). When this coin last sold at the Eliasberg Sale in 1997, it was noted that this coin is "possibly a presentation coin, or branch mint proof" to which we concur. Breen, in his Proofs Encyclopedia notes that several different dates of Barber half dollars from New Orleans are known that qualify as branch mint proofs, although he does not mention this 1897-O. Every star, claw, curl and feather is razor sharp, keeping this one in the superb category. As to the surfaces, they are nearly perfect, we see a faint chattermark on Liberty's chin, and another behind her mouth, and on the reverse there is a tiny tick on the fifth wide vertical stripe counting from the left on the shield. A few wispy hairlines can be seen when the coin is examined with a strong glass. Needless to say, this is the only coin graded this high of the date by PCGS, in fact it is likely one of the very best of the small mintage of 632,000 coins. PCGS has graded one other as high as MS-67 below this. Given the fact that this coin was purchased directly from the New Orleans Mint at the time of issue by J. M. Clapp it is conceivable that special care was taken to polish the dies and we see slight evidence of doubling on some of the letters, implying a second strike from the dies. We even note a short lint mark down from the mintmark on the reverse to the D of DOLLAR. NGC has graded one as MS-68 too, and this coin appeared in Heritage's 9/98 Long Beach sale, lot 6784, and this is a different coin than the present specimen with no mention of prooflike fields. Almost certainly tied for the finest known with 1 other example, and a rare date to boot. In an old green insert PCGS holder, which implies this one was graded some years ago. A foremost opportunity for a superb condition rarity.
- Estimated Value \$25,000-UP

Purchased by J.M. Clapp directly from the New Orleans Mint in November 1897; John M. Clapp; John M. Clapp estate, 1942, to Louis Eliasberg, Sr., Bowers and Merena's Eliasberg II Sale, April 1997, lot 2080 to the present consignor.

Half Dollars



- 1068 1898. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Slightly mottled colors on both sides, mostly on the high points. We suspect that this coin was lacquered in the past as there are wavy areas in the mirror fields, especially around the date and first couple of stars, as well as from the left tip of the eagles wing where a lint mark resides. Minor hairlines.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ben's Stamp & Coin Co., on November 21, 1944 for \$8.00.



- 1069 1899. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Hot blue and gold at the rims, with good contrast. Minor hairlines in the fields and a tiny speck in the field out from Liberty's nose.
Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1070 1900. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Minor hairlines in the fields and a touch dull. Pretty blue and gold toning on the obverse, tawny gold on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1071 1900-S. NGC graded MS-63.** A very well struck example with a particularly bold impression on the obverse. The surfaces are satiny with just a hint of light natural toning resting about the borders. A very elusive date in this high state of preservation.
Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400



- 1072 1901. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Golden hues in the fields, and frosty white on the devices. Clean surfaces that show few signs of handling, and hairlines are at a minimum.
Estimated Value \$750-850



- 1073 1901. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Somber gray and blue on the obverse, with the entire area toned over the reflective surfaces. On the reverse, the colors are more red and gold, with darker hues at the edge. Far more toning on this one than most, so check it out if you love toned proofs. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1074 1902. PCGS graded Proof 65 Premium Quality.** Delightful blue and gold toning around the rims, on the obverse heavy on the top, and all around the reverse, while the centers are still satiny white. Exceptional quality for a mere "gem" grade.
Estimated Value \$1,700-2,000

Half Dollars



- 1075 1902. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Cloudy, mottled yellow and gold toning on both sides. Minor hairlines in the fields and on the devices.

Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ben's Stamp & Coin Co., on November 21, 1944 for \$6.25.

- 1076 1902. Proof 63.** A few hairlines on Liberty's face, but quite nice overall for a proof coin of the era. Mintage of just 777, making these few and far between.

Estimated Value \$450-550



- 1077 1903. Proof 65.** Mottled gray and gold tones on both sides, with vibrant colors that come into view when examined under a light. Excellent surfaces that show trace hairlines, otherwise nearly perfect.

Estimated Value \$1,700-2,000



- 1078 1903. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Struck in the all mirror finish style, as are all of this date. Mottled toning and minor hairlines throughout.

Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$7.25.

- 1079 1903-O. AU-58.** Just a touch of the slightest friction noted on the high points; plenty of mint luster remains. Light toning appears around the periphery.

Estimated Value \$400-450

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Half Dollars

Ultimate Gem 1903-S Barber Half



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1080 1903-S. PCGS graded MS-68. This is the ultimate grade awarded to any 1903-S Barber half dollar. It is the only one graded MS-68 by either grading service, and of course there are none graded higher. Anyone who is considering a superlative date and mint collection of Barber half dollars would do well to put this one away, and not miss this opportunity. We note the usual parallel planchet striae seen on most silver coins of the era, and these run north to south on both sides. Remember that when silver was delivered to the mints for coining, it was first melted, properly refined with alloys, then cast in an ingot or brick shaped lump of metal. Next, the silver ingot was drawn through roller mills, just like an old wringer used to wring out wet clothes. The rolling machine effectively squeezed the metal brick by flattening it and lengthening it as the brick was repeatedly drawn through the large metal rollers. As the silver was drawn through the metal rollers, usually fine lines from the steel were imparted on the planchet. Frequently, these lines remain on the planchet, even after the coin was struck, as seen here. After the brick was drawn to the proper thickness, that of a planchet for a half dollar in this case, the silver was ready for the planchet cutting process, then coining.

The strike on this 1903-S is better than average, with all but two stars sharp to the center. Similar on the reverse, with slight weakness on the right wing of the eagle, and fine planchet lines visible through the feathers and devices. There is a fine die crack through the truncation and lower right stars. As to the surfaces, they are nearly perfect, with a tiny reeding mark hidden on the cap above the third leaf up from the bottom on Liberty's crown. The reverse is nearly perfect and shows only the faintest signs of any contact. Without question, an incredible coin that will always be the envy of every other collector.

Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000



1081 1904. PCGS graded Proof 64. Hazy gold toning and well preserved for the date. Another select example from this date set. Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



1082 1904. PCGS graded Proof 61. Yellow gray toning on the obverse, milky gray on the reverse. We note hairlines and a wavy line in the right obverse field. Estimated Value \$325-350

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 37, 1944 for \$5.25 and kept in his type set.

Half Dollars



- 1083 1905. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A stunning, totally white gem proof example exhibiting full cameo contrast caused by deep mirror surfaces reflecting against the raised satiny mint devices. Nothing wrong with this beauty.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700



- 1084 1905. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Gorgeous blue and gold toning on both sides, and decent surfaces. We note some slide marks accounting for the grade.
Estimated Value \$800-900



- 1085 1905. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Mottled and somewhat cloudy toning with a few hairlines beneath. We note two trivial specks, one near Liberty's chin in the field, and another just below the left wing of the eagle.
Estimated Value \$450-550
From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$7.25.



- 1086 1906. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Deep bullseye toning on the obverse, with much darker red and blue on the reverse. A few faint lines on the surfaces, otherwise just about as struck, save for the glorious toning. PCGS has graded 18 this high with only 11 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,500-UP



- 1087 1906. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Magnificent toning of dark blue, red and gold with the centers bright. A few hairlines, and a couple of trivial slide marks on Liberty's cheek. Certainly a lot of coin for the grade, and worth a premium for its colors and surfaces. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$6.85.



- 1088 1907. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Nice colorful toning on the obverse, a bit mottled on the reverse with some cloudy areas at the top. Examination will note some minor hairlines, but these don't seem to warrant the grade, and nothing else was found to be the least bit distracting.
Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$7.25.



- 1089 1907. NGC graded MS-64.** A gorgeous well struck example and creamy white in appearance.
Estimated Value \$700-800

Half Dollars



- 1090 1908. PCGS graded Proof 61.** Moderate hairlines from a long ago cleaning, and toned back with cloudy hues on both sides. One small reeding mark near the ear of Liberty.

Estimated Value \$325-350

From the Benson collection and purchased in a group of Proofs from 1859 to 1908 from James G. Macallister on October 17, 1944 for \$200.00.



- 1091 1909. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Resplendent green and gold toning on the obverse, the colors located at the top and bottom of the obverse, the reverse brighter and with much less toning. Close examination notes an unimportant speck at OD of GOD, and no other distracting marks.

Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$5.75.



- 1092 1910. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Great green and gold colors on the obverse, with the center still bright and untuned, the reverse mostly white save for a peripheral ring of gold. We note minor hairlines on the surfaces, but these are not that distracting to warrant this grade. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$6.25.

One of the Finest Proof 1911 Barber Half Dollars



Enlarged



- 1093 1911. NGC graded Proof 68.** One of the finest graded of this date, NGC in their Population Report note 5 graded this high, with none graded higher! Excellent contrast between the fields and devices, and the toning of light yellow and blue gray further enhances the ensemble. Liberty's cheek is pristine, as expected for the grade, and we anticipate a strong price when this one crosses the block. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$8,000-11,000

Half Dollars



- 1094 1911. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Pretty russet, blue and gold toning on the obverse, and similar on the reverse, while the centers are both white. A few stray hairlines on Liberty from a higher grade. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$6.75.



- 1095 1912. NGC graded Proof 64 Premium Quality.** Mottled lilac, gold and umber tones on both sides and certainly a very colorful coin. If you love vividly toned proofs, take a look at this rainbow half. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,000-UP



- 1096 1912. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Hazy white toning on both sides with darker hues at the rims. Minor hairlines from a higher grade.

Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$6.30.



- 1097 1913. Proof 66.** Bright and toned with just a band of gold at the rim. PCGS has graded 10 this high and 13 higher, all PR-67.

Estimated Value \$2,500-2,800



- 1098 1913. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This one is especially nice for the grade, the only complaint would be very light hairlines in the fields. A small band of rainbow toning encircles both the obverse and reverse rim. Only 627 struck in proof, this certainly in the top twenty percent of those.

Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$10.50.



- 1099 1914. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Moderate hairlines on the surfaces, and toned with rich gold and green at the rims, with the centers hazy. A low mintage date, with 380 coined, which we note is the smallest proof issue since 1858. This one is about midway in the known population for grade.

Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$13.00.



- 1100 1915. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Gold toning at the periphery of the obverse, with hazy white toning elsewhere and some small specks. Moderate hairlines in the fields. This is the final year of issue, and only 450 were coined.

Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on March 10, 1945 for \$21.00.

Half Dollars



- 1101 1915-D. NGC graded MS-64.** A fully lustrous example with intense satiny mint surfaces. Light russet toning hugs the outer borders.
Estimated Value \$750-850

Liberty Walking Half Dollars



- 1102 1917-S. Mint mark on reverse. MS-63.** Original surfaces well toned, deepening about the borders.
Estimated Value \$700-800



- 1103 1918. MS-63.** Lightly cleaned in the past, with resulting hairlines over the surfaces. Still bright and lustrous, and sharply struck by the dies.
Estimated Value \$500-750



- 1104 1918-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** A very choice example. This beauty exudes satiny mint luster. Three tiny reeding ticks are noted in the right obverse field, noticeable only under strong magnification; all is overlaid with natural light toning. A very elusive date this choice.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500



- 1105 1921-S. MS-60.** Bright from light cleaning. This coin will benefit with time.
Estimated Value \$5,500-6,500

- 1106 1935-D. NGC graded MS-65.** Blazing white save for a hint of toning near the date. We note some minor disturbances on the high points of the devices, but they are barely visible with a glass.
Estimated Value \$700-900



- 1107 1936. PCGS graded Proof 65 Premium Quality.** This proof has light cloudy toning on both sides, with a small splash of bright gold near the rim left of Liberty's head, and a small colorful drop on the reverse atop the motto.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 1, 1944 for \$42.00 as part of a 1936 proof set.

- 1108 1937. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Gold toning near the rims and a few trivial handling marks.
Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 27, 1944 as part of a 1937 proof set for \$15.75.

- 1109 1937. PCGS graded MS-66.** Strong luster and well struck for this date.
Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for face value.

- 1110 1938. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Light cloudy toning on both sides, with a hint of gold near the edge. Sharp on the devices, but the dies appear to have been overly polished, as Liberty's back foot shows no details on toes and arch, and the flag is weak below the I of LIBERTY.
Estimated Value \$600-650

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 3, 1944 as part of a 1938 proof set for \$7.50.

- 1111 1939. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This one has the natural hazy gold toning on both sides, with medium gold at the rims.
Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 3, 1944 as part of a 1939 proof set for \$5.75.

Half Dollars

- 1112 1939. NGC graded MS-67.** Near perfection for this date, with just a few splashes of haze on either side, otherwise blast white in color. Great luster and strike too. It is hard to imagine how this coin could be any better.
Estimated Value \$350-400

- 1113 1940. PCGS graded Proof 66.** A nice proof coin that boasts a lovely arc of gold on the obverse, and hazy white toning elsewhere.
Estimated Value \$425-475

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 as part of a 1940 proof set for \$5.00.



- 1114 1940. ICG graded MS-68.** A stunning gem, near perfection. The delicate pale blue and faint golden toning further adds to its appeal.
Estimated Value \$700-800



- 1115 1941. PCGS graded Proof 67.** Totally original with the usual hazy toning on both sides, and pristine surfaces throughout. PCGS has graded 144 this high, with just 8 graded higher (all PR-68).
Estimated Value \$900-1,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 as part of a 1941 proof set for \$5.00.



- 1116 1942. ICG graded Proof 68.** Toned with dark gray at the periphery and lighter hues at the centers. There is a toning band of lighter colors spanning most of the reverse. Scarce this nice, with nearly perfect surfaces. Decently struck, but Liberty's hand lacks some definition. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,000-UP



- 1117 1942. PCGS graded Proof 67 Premium Quality.** Exceptional quality for the date, this one remains fairly bright, with just a couple of small splashes of gold toning.
Estimated Value \$750-850

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in 1944.

- 1118 1942. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Lightly toned with an arc of gold on top of the obverse. A gem, from an original proof set put away in 1944.
Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 as part of a 1942 proof set for \$4.00.

- 1119 1942. ANACS graded MS-67.** Sunset gold over the sunset, and a bit more gold on the reverse. Still bright elsewhere, and abundant luster is noted.
Estimated Value \$300-400

- 1120 1942-S. MS-65.** A totally brilliant satiny gem example.
Estimated Value \$350-400

- 1121 1944-D. NGC graded MS-66.** Gorgeous toning on this one, with colorful iridescent hues on both sides, but primarily on the obverse.
Estimated Value \$150-200



- 1122 1944-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** One of the finest graded of this slightly better date, PCGS notes just 99 this high, with only 3 graded higher, all MS-67. This coin is one of a pair stored in an old manila envelope, on this piece the obverse is toned with lovely shades of golden gray, while the reverse is mostly white with full luster. Nicely struck for the date, with most of the skirt lines sharp, but minor weakness is seen on Liberty's hand, as always for this date.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,400

From the Benson collection and likely taken from a roll at the time of issue.

Half Dollars



- 1123 1944-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** Gorgeous white luster on the obverse, the reverse toned from an old envelope which stored this coin probably since it was plucked from a bank roll at the time of issue. Better than average strike, with some weakness on Liberty's hand, but good skirt lines. Scarce this nice.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,400
From the Benson collection and likely taken from a roll at the time of issue.

- 1124 1946-D. PCGS graded MS-66.** Intense sunset gold on the right rims of the obverse and reverse, satiny and white elsewhere. Great surfaces too.
Estimated Value \$150-200

Franklin Half Dollars



- 1125 1949-S. PCGS graded MS-64 Full Bell Lines.** Dark tawny shades on the obverse, brighter with good luster on the reverse. Only a few ticks from a higher grade, and well struck for this date. One of the key issues of the Franklin half dollar series.
Estimated Value \$20-25
From the Benson collection and purchased from and likely taken from an original roll at the time of issue.

- 1126 1951-S Original Roll. This roll grades Brilliant Uncirculated.** A splendid original roll from the Benson collection, two coins show toning (end of the roll coins) while the balance are bright, fresh and totally white save for the edges. If you want to take a time machine back 50 years, take a peek at this roll. Lot of 20 coins.
Estimated Value \$300-400

- 1127 1953-S. NGC graded MS-66 Star.** This is a "star" NGC holder. Splendid peripheral toning on this scarce date. The lower bell lines are not quite full, as nearly always seen, but certainly good enough for most collectors. Pristine surfaces and good luster too, with no annoying marks to distract the eye. An arc of rainbow tones on the left side of the obverse.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 1128 1953-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** One of the most difficult dates to find with "Full Bell Lines", this one has a better than average strike, but is weak on the center bell lines, as always. Locating a fully struck specimen has become downright expensive, as seen in the famous sale of a gem in January 2001 by our friends Bowers and Merena. Clean surfaces.
Estimated Value \$60-90

- 1129 1955. "Bugs Bunny". MS-64.** So named for the curious clash marks at Ben Franklin's mouth, which have the appearance of buck teeth. Lovely toning on the obverse with rose and gold over mint fresh luster. Sharply struck.
Estimated Value \$10-15
From the Benson collection and put away at the time of issue.



- 1130 1957. MS-67.** Spectacular gold, green and rose toning on both sides, perfectly balanced and totally natural. This coin came from an old group which includes the delightful toned commemoratives and a scattering of other coins. Obviously set aside for the resplendent colors, and worth a bid from a specialist in this series. Well struck, with virtually complete bell lines.
Estimated Value \$250-UP

- 1131 1957-D. PCGS graded MS-65.** Wild iridescent green, gold and blue tones on both sides, and this one must be viewed to be appreciated.
Estimated Value \$100-UP

- 1132 1958-D. ICG graded MS-66.** Deep iridescent toning on both sides, and this one should go to a lover of toned coins. Clean surfaces on this gem.
Estimated Value \$100-UP

- 1133 1958-D. ICG graded MS-66.** Blazing red, gold and green tones on both sides of this gem. Obviously stored in a sulphur environment which tends to give silver these wild and glorious tones.
Estimated Value \$100-UP

- 1134 1959-D. PCGS graded MS-66 Full Bell Lines.** One of the very finest known of this date, PCGS has graded 13 this high, with none graded higher. This one has iridescent toning around the periphery and is boldly struck. The surfaces are quite clean, with few marks from handling anywhere to be seen. An opportunity for the specialist.
Estimated Value \$750-1,250

- 1135 A group of slabbed Franklin half dollars. This group contains all slabbed Franklin half dollars, missing the key dates, but includes some varieties. Grades range from MS to gem Proof, with a lot of coins grading MS-64 FBL.** A lot that must be inspected by viewers. Most of the coins are FBL, and we note the slabs are primarily PCGS. Lot of 56 coins.
Estimated Value \$300-UP

Half Dollars

- 1136 The Benson Franklin half dollar partial set, 1948 to 1955, lacking the 1949-S. This partial set lacks the key date 1949-S and ends with the 1955 issue. Each coin grades Mint State 63 or better, and some with full bell lines. All are toned from years in the National Pages album, where they remain to this day. Lot 19 coins.
Estimated Value \$100-UP

*From the Benson collection and probably purchased
as they were issued.*

Kennedy Half Dollars

- 1137 A Kennedy half dollar collection. This collection includes dates from 1964 to 1999-S, all slabbed with high grades by PCGS, NGC, ANACS and ICG. Most are proofs with many grading PF-69 Deep Cameo. A great lot to break up to collectors. Lot of 54 coins.
Estimated Value \$500-UP
- 1138 A nearly complete set of Kennedy half dollars. This set grades from Brilliant Uncirculated to Proof, and is missing only the 1998-S Proof, but contains all other dates from 1964 through 2000. Mounted in a brown Dansco coin album. Lot of 115 coins.
Estimated Value \$400-500

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Silver Dollars

Flowing Hair Dollars

Classic Extremely Fine 1794 Silver Dollar



Enlarged



- 1139 1794. BB-1, URS-8, B-1, R-4. PCGS graded EF-40.** An excellent example of this rare date that boasts antique silver color and defect free surfaces. There are the usual adjustment marks around the rims of the reverse, with the heaviest left of the first S of STATES, and through the eagle's tail, perch, wreath and rim below. The surfaces show minor circulation hairlines, and both sides have dark toning specks, predominantly on the reverse as illustrated. For a 1794 dollar, this one is well struck, with all the stars visible, and all of the reverse lettering is present, but weak due to the strike and the adjustment marks. Liberty's hair retains good separation on all but the uppermost wave over her ear, which shows the expected wear. We note areas of golden tones around the rims, and there is a small planchet crack through the 1 in the date, starting at the rim left of the digit, up on the left side of the serif, crossing the 1 at the bottom third, into the right field to midway between the 17, then curling back towards the 1. Other identifying features are a small nick between the two upper left points of the sixth star, a spot on the upper inside point of the fourteenth star, and a long adjustment mark down the post of the second T of STATES. PCGS has graded 5 examples as EF-40, one as EF-45, two as AU-55, and six in various mint state grades above.

It is believed that all 1794 dollars were coined on October 15, 1794 from silver bullion deposited by David Rittenhouse, and all 1794 silver dollars coined on this date were delivered to David Rittenhouse (Breen and Collins, in their draft of the 1794 silver dollar manuscript). Thus, all 1794 silver dollars can trace their pedigree to David Rittenhouse, who passed them out to friends, many of whom kept them, others were spent and circulated. The silver bullion deposited by Rittenhouse varied greatly, and there were many gas bubbles in the silver ingots, which later caused laminations and planchet cracks, which plague approximately 30 percent of the 1794 dollar population (as seen here with the faint planchet crack through the 1 in the date).

The 1794 silver dollar is an American classic, it is the first year of issue of our monetary unit, was struck in extremely limited quantities, and the total known population is between 130 and 140 coins in all grades. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$60,000-UP

After exhaustive searching, this specimen is not recorded in the unpublished Jack Collins and Walter Breen study on 1794 silver dollars, and it is not the specimen offered in July 1997 at the Heritage ANA, which is also PCGS graded EF-40. Apparently, this coin that has traded privately and is not recorded in any auction appearance that we could locate.

Silver Dollars

The Atwater-Ostheimer 1795 B-9 in Mint State



Enlarged



- 1140 1795. Two leaves beneath each wing, BB-13, URS-10, B-9, R-4. MS-60.** *This is the Atwater-Ostheimer coin.* Undoubtedly one of the finest known of this variety, most seen are well circulated and locating a choice EF coin can be a challenge. This one is instantly identifiable by the large planchet defect on Liberty's bust, and with a long sliver like defect on the reverse through the N of UNITED to the wreath, with additional roughness above the eagle. As we know, the silver given to the Mint during the initial years had to be refined, and the equipment and personnel were barely up to the task, and many early silver coins were struck on defective planchets. Frankly, few planchet defects are as large as seen here, and this coin was saved probably from the day it was struck, perhaps as a curiosity, and now as a rare mint state example of our first type of silver dollar. It is an early die state, with no trace of clash marks, although the left obverse field is rough. As an early die state, this coin is significantly rarer than the more common clashed die state. No trace of a silver plug on this one either. A famous and pedigreed coin, and one that certainly carries its own credentials. Boldly struck on Liberty's curls and on the eagle, with full feathertips from beak to claw, and full mint frost on both sides. Faint hairlines in the fields and a truly superb example, despite the mint caused defects, of the early days at the Philadelphia Mint.
- Estimated Value \$15,000-UP

From Mehl's William Cutler Atwater Sale, June 1946, lot 191 at \$45., next in a New Netherlands sale or purchased privately by Jacque and Alfred J. Ostheimer III, later in Merkin's Ostheimer sale (although the Ostheimer name was inexplicably left off the Flowing Hair and Draped Bust dollar section), but a biography was included prior to the Seated Dollar section of their coins, September 1968, lot 231 at \$1,350 (double the pre sale estimate) to Dr. Presley of Baton Rouge, LA, it next turned up in Stack's March 1985 sale, lot 1227, offered privately in 1997 by noted dealer Julian Leidman, next Bowers & Merena's Rarities Sale, August 1998, lot 219 (our thanks to W. David Perkins for his help on this pedigree chain).

Silver Dollars

Rare 1795 BB-11, B-3 Flowing Hair Dollar



- 1141 1795. Two leaves beneath each wing, BB-11, URS-7, B-3, R-5. VF-30.** Here is a rare coin in fairly high grade for this scarce variety. This is thought to be the very first issue of silver dollars from 1795, and it is likely that this coin was included in the first delivery of that year. It is an early die state, before the heavy crack forms on the reverse die through the C of AMERICA. The silver used to coin these was not properly refined and rolled, and many BB-11, B-3 silver dollars show planchet flaws and the coins are often a yellow color instead of silvery gray. This one shows both minor planchet flaws and has the typical yellow color. Identifiable by a small flaw under the 5 of the date, one on the back of Liberty's nose, and another above the E of UNITED near the rim. As to the surfaces, they are very clean for the grade, with no circulation problems other than a few trivial scratches and hairlines from a past cleaning. The rims too are pleasing, with no significant bumps or bruises, although there are some very minor ticks. There does not appear to be a silver plug in this coin, and there are no adjustment marks.

Over the last decade, significant work has been done by this cataloguer to update the condition census of this variety which was published in the Bowers/Borckardt in 1993. First, under their notable specimens the Doolittle, Ostheimer and Davis Graves coins are all the same specimen, which for many years had "SEP" engraved in the field, and these faint initials were expertly buffed out sometime before it was consigned to the Doolittle sale in 1977 (this specimen was just offered in Superior's Elite Sale, January 9, 2002, with no mention of the buffing in the fields and graded AU-55). A recently discovered specimen was offered in Bowers & Merena's Baltimore Sale, November 2001, PCGS graded AU-55 with a silver plug, and another significant offering of this variety was Stack's September, 2000, another silver plug example with the reverse die crack through C of AMERICA which graded EF-45. Further research is still pending on the other notable coins listed, and we hope to publish an update of the Bowers/Borckardt book in the next few years which will bring the notable specimens up to date. This particular coin is certainly in the Condition Census of the top 12 known, and is probably one of the top six for the variety. An opportunity for the specialist to purchase a rare and somewhat unappreciated coin.

Estimated Value \$6,000-9,000

From Stack's Sale of June 1995, Lot 392 and the John Haugh collection.



- 1142 1795. Double Struck.** Two leaves beneath each wing, BB-21, URS-12, B-1, R-3. **Good-5.** Yes, the entire coin is double struck with a small shift, but it is apparent on the date, lettering and devices. The obverse has smooth, even wear, while the reverse has even wear but there are 5 large dents around the center. These dents are quite old and toned over, but they are distracting. As to the double striking, the wing, lettering and bust of Liberty all show the doubling plainly. Certainly one of the earliest double strikes known in the bust dollar series, aside from the magnificent 1795 double struck dollar plated in the 1976 edition of the Scott Catalogue & Encyclopedia on page 348. The edge of this coin is not doubled, as that is a separate process from the striking of the obverse and reverse. Certainly an opportunity for a specialist to buy a moderate, and no doubt rare, double struck example of this date.

This cataloguer has seen one other 1795 double struck dollar, that being a BB-15, or B-8 variety, and a few others no doubt exist of other varieties.

Estimated Value \$600-900

From Bowers & Merena's Lucien M. LaRiviere Part II Sale, March, 2001, lot 327 and the John Haugh collection.



- 1143 1795. Three leaves beneath each wing, BB-27, URS-13, B-5, R-1. PCGS graded VF-20.** One of the most common die pairings of the bust dollar series. Lovely steel gray and blue toning in the fields, the central device much lighter on the obverse, the reverse with an arc of dark gray on the lower left side, steel gray elsewhere. Identifiable by two small marks left of the 1 in the date before the star, and a small tick below the first feather of the left wing on the eagle near his body. Excellent rims, color and eye appeal for the grade, and perfect for the type collector.

Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in May 1944 for \$17.50. This one comes with a very old envelope probably 100 or so years old describing this coin.

Silver Dollars

1795 Flowing Hair Dollar With a Silver plug and Adjustment Marks



- 1144 1795. Silver plug with adjustment marks!** BB-18, URS-11, B-7, R-3. VF-30. 3 leaves reverse. Discovered by Ray Merena in late 1995, this extraordinary coin added a new layer mystery to the already mysterious "silver plugs" that had been seen on 1795 flowing hair dollars as this one includes adjustment marks. Doug Winter, when cataloguing the Blevin's collection for Superior in 1988 was very close when he noted on lot 3575 "...the centers show an unusual jagged circular cut which gives the impression of a plug; this is mint-made and may represent a die flaw of some sort." A few years later Ken Bressett, Tom Delorey and Roger Burdette discussed these plugs with Q. David Bowers and extensive discussion is included on pages 185/6 of the Bowers/Borckardt Silver Dollar Encyclopedia.

These silver plugs are known on several varieties, but usually on just a few coins of each. It is believed that during the planchet preparation process, sometimes planchets would be slightly underweight, and would normally have to be remelted, drawn and cut to size again. Someone at the Mint decided to use the 1792 silver center cent as an example, and drill out the center of the blank silver dollar planchet, insert a larger silver "plug", and strike the coin normally. The plug would flatten out and become a part of the coin, increasing the weight to the required standard. Ray Merena noted on this specimen that it has not only a silver plug, but also adjustment marks on the lower reverse rim. Why would someone add, then take away weight from the same planchet? Both the silver plug insertion and adjustment marks occurred *prior* to striking, so we can't be sure which came first, the plug or the adjustment marks.

The coin itself is very choice for the grade, steel gray in color, with rubbed silver high points on the devices and very clean surfaces and rims. The plug is small but can be seen on both sides, and the adjustment marks reside through the eagle's tail feathers and the rim below. Broken out of an NGC slab where it was graded as VF-30.

Estimated Value \$4,000-6,000

Sold by Bowers and Merena in their Rarities Sale, August 1999, lot 232 and purchased by John Haugh privately sometime after the sale.

Draped Bust Dollars

Mint State 1795 Draped Bust Dollar



- 1145 1795. Off-center bust, BB-51, URS-12, B-14, R-2. ANACS graded MS-60.** Toned with jet black colors throughout, the centers slightly lighter in color. We note there are central adjustment marks on Liberty, but they are mostly hidden by her hair and the toning. Boldly struck as are most of this variety, with mountainous hair details on Liberty and even full breast feathers on the eagle. We note some faint hairlines in the fields, and a few scattered marks from handling, none of which are warrant description. Rare and desirable in any grade even approaching mint state, this one will certainly attract considerable attention from type collectors.

This is an important type coin, and it is believed that this is one of the two dies that first introduced the draped bust design coupled with the small eagle reverse to the nation in October of 1795. Few are known that even approach mint state, and this is certainly one of the better ones. An important coin for the collector.

Estimated Value \$17,000-20,000

Silver Dollars

Gorgeous 1795 Draped Bust Dollar



1146 1795. Off-center bust, BB-51, URS-12, B-14, R-2. PCGS graded AU-58. One of the highlights of the Benson collection, this early dollar embodies the gorgeous toning and general high quality seen on so many of Dr. Benson's coins. The strike is average for variety, with some weakness on the breast of the eagle and mid curls on Liberty. Both sides show deep steel gray at the rims with lighter gray in the fields all with fiery hints of gold and russet luster combine to give this museum quality piece a regal air. The surfaces show minor handling marks from over two centuries of age. We note trivial adjustment marks on the eagle's breast, and this coin can be identified by an "S" shaped lint mark left of the first A in AMERICA.

Over the years we've noticed that a coin which grades About Uncirculated can mean many things. Most show minimal wear, and were obviously circulated for some time. Others, as seen here, probably never circulated, and the surfaces show just trace handling marks. For this reason, the price realized often does not reflect the reported "AU" price, and choice coins sell for far in excess of their technical grade. This particular example certainly has a lot of potential to be a runaway, as the surfaces, color and luster will dazzle all who take the time to examine it. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$5,000-7,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister in 1944 for \$45.00 as "Uncirculated".



1147 1795. Off-center bust, BB-51, URS-12, B-14, R-2. PCGS graded EF-45. Lovely old Wayte Raymond toning at the periphery of the obverse and reverse, while the centers remain soft silvery gray. Examination will note a hidden and shallow scratch from the lowest part of ribbon into the field below and through several curls and ending near the 1 in the date. The obverse shows minor adjustment marks, some on the rim near the date, others at the center. We note that the surfaces are generally better than average, and the rims show only one low area above the TY of LIBERTY where we see what appears to be a tiny edge flaw. Nice for the grade assigned. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in his final auction sale on March 30, 1946 for \$44.00.

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Silver Dollars

Beloved 1796 Dollar, A Gift From Capt. Smith to A. Phelan



Enlarged



- 1148 1796. Small date, large letters, BB-61, URS-12, B-4, R-4. Sharpness of AU-55 but ornately engraved and holed.** The obverse of this coin is ornately engraved "A gift from Capt Smith to A Phelan Dec. 7". with the Dec. 7 just above the date 1796. Through Liberty's bust is a moderate hole so the coin could be worn as a necklace. No engraving is noted on the reverse. Both sides show some stray scratches, some of which were used to line up the letters, as well as some file marks on the rim above the last couple of stars and other marks probably occurred during the engraving process. Remarkably, the coin shows very little wear, and the eagle retains nearly full breast feathers. Who was Capt. Smith? Why did he give such a precious gift to A. Phelan? Obviously, this was a treasured memento and one senses that this coin was cherished by the owner for many years. Toned with a lovely silvery gray hue throughout, and certain to elicit far more questions than answers to the person who buys this piece of American history. We checked on Genforum on the internet and noted there is a large posting for the "Phelan" family, and with some research feel that the mystery of who gave this coin can someday be unraveled. We also noted the Baker Library and Historical Collections has a page with several Smith's and a reference to Annie Phelan, which could possibly be the person referred to on this coin, and we thank W. David Perkins for his assistance in locating this reference via the search engine Google. Placing a value on this coin is very difficult. This is certainly far more desirable than the usual holed and scratched Bust dollar, and best of all, this coin has a story to tell. Engraved or counterstamped Bust dollars are extremely rare, and seldom offered. Most transactions are between collectors, so the price paid is not reported. Needless to say, this is an exciting coin and feel that it will remain a cherished item in any collection.
- Estimated Value \$5,000-UP

From the John Haugh collection and purchased privately.

Silver Dollars

Nice AU 1796 Draped Bust Dollar



- 1149 1796. Small date, large letters, BB-61, URS-12, B-4, R-3. AU-50. A lovely example of this common variety, the surfaces are toned a steel gray with slightly darker areas at the periphery, and traces of luster are noted near the devices. Well struck too, with most of the breast feathers remaining on the eagle and his eye remains sharp. Perfect for the type collector, and the draped bust, small eagle variety is one of the more difficult coins to find in each of the silver denominations. Worth a strong bid from a collector who wants a choice, original coin.
Estimated Value \$6,000-7,000

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Silver Dollars

Spectacular 1796 Flipover Overstrike Dollar



Enlarged



1150 1796. Uniface Flipover Overstrike. Large date, small letters, BB-65, URS-11, B-5a, R-4. **NGC graded EF-40.** This is almost certainly the famous coin Bolender referred to in his reference work on Early Silver Dollars in 1950 and this was offered in 1952 when Bolender sold his famous collection February 23, 1952. As we know, all Bust dollar errors are extremely rare. In particular, this coin is very unusual in that only one side has been double struck, and what later became the obverse has no evidence of a prior striking. How could this come to pass? Logic dictates that two planchets were accidentally fed into the coining press which were approximately lined up, with the planchet used to strike this coin on the bottom. The two planchets were struck, the upper planchet receiving the reverse impression, and this planchet received the obverse impression. The error was discovered, and it is likely that both planchets were restruck. For the coin here, the planchet was flipped over, then restruck. Between UNITED and STATES the date is still plainly visible, along with Liberty's drapery lines and several stars, although these details were flattened out by the second strike. One less spectacular area of note is that Liberty's profile is seen in the clouds below the eagle, her lips and chin just above the bow knot and part of her nose resides on the right ribbon loop. The other planchet used in the initial strike, with the reverse doubled, has apparently been lost, as no auction reports of a double *reverse* struck 1796 dollar have been located.

As an aside, this die pairing has a deep bubble in the die steel, which had collapsed by the time this coin was struck, leaving a lump between IC of AMERICA, and where this bubble formed in the die the coins struck have a large raised lump in that area. If both sides of this coin were double struck, then this die lump would be located approximately where the 13th and 14th stars are on the obverse, and we see no evidence of the lump in that area.

The coin itself has a lovely gun metal gray color, there are some trivial adjustment marks on the left obverse rim and the surfaces show minimal handling marks and light hairlines. A delightful coin for the specialist.

Our consignor had read about this coin in the Bolender book many years ago, and kept a weather eye out for it, when it appeared, he quickly snatched it up where it became one of the highlights of his error collection. Although we have no photographic or definitive evidence that this is the Bolender coin, we are confident based on the description that this has to be the same specimen sold in his sale of 1952. This coin is also mentioned in the Bowers/Borckardt reference under the notable specimens.

Estimated Value \$7,500-UP

From the Col. Green collection which was purchased and sold by B. G. Johnson and Eric Newman, later in the Gettys collection where it was purchased by Milferd H. Bolender, and sold in his auction sale of his collection, February 23, 1952, lot 26 for \$42.00; and more recently it appeared in a Bowers & Merena Rarities Sale, January 1999, Lot 1171 and the John Haugh collection.

Silver Dollars



1151 1797. Double struck reverse. 9 stars left, 7 right, small letters, BB-72, URS-9, B-2, R-4. **ANACS graded EF-40.** One of just two reported double struck examples of this scarce variety. On this particular coin, the reverse is double struck with a slight shift between the first and second strikes, and doubling can be seen on the wreath, wings, AMERICA, leaves and ribbon. It is interesting to note that this variety has long been considered rare, but over the past few decades research has shown that at least 100 exist of this variety, but it remains in constant demand by *Guide Book*, major variety and specialists alike, all of whom need an example of this variety. The surfaces of this coin are average to slightly below, with some toning breaks on the upper points of Liberty's hair and neck, and the reverse shows rim nicks above ITE of UNITED. Minor adjustment marks can be seen around the rim of the reverse, and some light scratches are also present. Toned a deep steel gray, and quite natural in appearance.

Estimated Value \$5,000-7,000

From the John Haugh collection and we were unable to trace a prior appearance.



1152 1797. Double Struck. 9 stars left, 7 right, large letters, BB-73, URS-12, B-1, R-3. **PCGS graded AU-53.** Here is a spectacular error on a high grade 1797 dollar. Not only is the entire coin double struck, but the surfaces show very little wear, and substantial breast feathers remain on the eagle. As to the double striking feature, all design elements show doubling on the obverse and reverse, and the second strike expended most of its energy canceling the first strike, with many areas nearly obliterated, and other areas where the devices are quite bold. All lettering, the date, Liberty, the eagle's wings, head and even eye are all clearly doubled, with just enough of a shift to make it really stand out. The stars are a wonder, showing many extra points and odd shapes. A coin that must be seen to be fully appreciated. When this mint error last auctioned in 1997, Mark Borckardt mentioned that it might even be triple struck, which is entirely possible as the devices show many fragments from the prior strike or strikes. There is a small edge flaw near the bust tip on the obverse, and this will help identify this coin in the future. Lightly cleaned long ago, with faint hairlines, and now toned a lustrous golden gray color.

Estimated Value \$8,000-12,000

From Bowers and Merena's Sale, November 1997, lot 1012 to Jim Matthews and purchased privately by John Haugh.

Silver Dollars



- 1153 1797. 9 stars left, 7 right, large letters, BB-73, URS-12, B-1b, R-3. PCGS graded EF-45.** Extraordinary quality for any bust dollar, with memorable blue and gray toning throughout, and luster remains in the protected areas. A later die state, the obverse had all but shattered when this one was struck, and numerous light cracks can be seen as described in the Bower/Borckardt or Bolender reference, the reverse die had not cracked when this one was struck. Minor weakness is noted around the center of the obverse, as usual for the die state, and we note a very faint pin scratch above ERTY to the two stars nearby, and on the reverse there is a trivial gouge left and below the U of UNITED. The reverse die was rotated about 30 degrees clockwise when this one was struck. Well over half the eagle's breast feathers are sharp, and this coin is easily in the top few percent of those known of the date for eye appeal as well as technical grade. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$4,000-4,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on May 4, 1946 for \$35.00, with the note "rare so choice" and we absolutely agree with that.



- 1154 1797. Double Struck.** 10 stars left, 6 right, BB-73, URS-12, B-3, R-2. **Sharpness of Fine-15 but cleaned.** This one has been cleaned in the past, and we note some dark patina clinging near the devices, especially on the reverse, and this coin may have been exposed to a hostile environment at some time in the past. Here is another spectacular double strike, although in a more moderate grade. The separation between the strikes was approximately 1 millimeter. We note a rim bump on the obverse at 11:00 o'clock, and a scratch down Liberty's face and neck from her ear. Not the prettiest coin in this collection, but quite interesting for the specialist in errors.

Estimated Value \$2,000-3,500

From Bowers & Merena's LaRiviere Part II Sale, March 2001, Lot 329 and the John Haugh collection.

Rare 1798 15 Star Small Eagle Bust Dollar Error



- 1155 1798. Double or Triple Struck.** Small eagle, 15 stars, BB-81, URS-11, B-2, R-3. **Fine-15 obverse, Good-5 reverse.** Here is one of John Haugh's favorite early dollar errors. It comes with a custom Capital Plastics holder which describes the coin as a triple strike, one of the only triple struck Bust dollars known outside the Smithsonian Institution. Further, Mr. Haugh had several notable specialists like Jules Reiver and Ken Bressett examine the coin, most of which agreed that it was indeed triple struck, and signed an informal note to that effect which is included with this lot. One person who examined the coin was certain that the reverse was quadruple struck, while the obverse was triple struck. A coin which warrants extensive examination and discussion, and many will be fascinated by the bizarre effects of the multiple strikes. First off, this is the scarce 15 star, small eagle variety, which is instantly identifiable as only one die was used in 1798 with 15 obverse stars. Further, the small eagle reverse is indeed scarce, with just two varieties known, and as such, this is a major *Guide Book* variety for major type collectors too as well as an important coin for variety collectors. Second, the coin itself is quite nice for the moderate grade, toned an even gun metal gray with no real surface problems aside from several rim bumps on either side, one above the L of LIBERTY, another near the 14th star, and on the reverse above UNITED and just past AMERICA. The reverse is weak as always for this variety, and this weakness is exacerbated by the multiple striking. Examination will note the coin is clearly double struck, and the third strike seems to be present on the stars. A fascinating coin for the specialist to long enjoy.

Estimated Value \$3,000-UP

From Superior Galleries H. W. Blevins sale, June 1988, lot 3636 and purchased privately by John Haugh some years later.

Silver Dollars



- 1156** 1798. 13 stars on obverse, small eagle reverse, BB-82, URS-11, B-1, R-3. PCGS graded VF-25. Medium silver gray toning with blue and russet near the rims. The obverse has some faint adjustment marks criss crossing at the center but no other surface marks worth noting. Late reverse die state, with multiple cracks through the legends. Not a particularly rare variety, but kept in high demand by type collectors who need the thirteen star, small eagle combination.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on May 4, 1946 for \$35.00.



- 1157** 1798. BB-108, URS-11, B-13, R-3. PCGS graded EF-45. A choice coin for the grade with natural yellow gray tones on both sides and well struck by the dies. This is a fairly early die state, with the die line above the right serif of the L in LIBERTY just forming. Minor adjustment marks on the reverse. Our consign- or believes this coin to be double struck near the N of UNITED, but we could find no evidence of a second strike, but there are some adjustment marks in that area. Overall, this is a very nice coin for the variety or type collector.

As a quick aside, this is one of the most commonly misattributed Bust dollars, many times BB-108, B-13 is called BB-109 or B-10 in error. Both varieties were struck with the same obverse die, and the reverse is similar but can quickly be told apart by the three lower stars above the right wing and scroll, on the BB-108, B-13, the middle star is below the line formed between the three stars, on the rare BB-109, B-10, the middle star is above the imaginary line.

Estimated Value \$2,000-3,000

From the John Haugh collection.



- 1158** 1798. Heraldic eagle reverse, 13 arrows. BB-121, URS-10, B-9a, R-4. ICG graded EF-45. A scarce die variety and interesting late die state. Light silvery gray in color with traces of luster in the protected areas. Although ICG calls this a "10 arrows" reverse, it is actually a 13 arrow reverse, 3 of the arrows being faint but visible with a glass. Sharply struck by the dies, and quite a nice coin overall with no signs of adjustment marks, rim knocks or similar problems. One minor planchet streak through ST of STATES.

Estimated Value \$1,400-1,700



- 1159** 1798. BB-106, URS-8, B-19, R-5. ANACS graded EF-40. A scarce die pairing which is not fully appreciated by variety collectors. The obverse die broke early, and all seen to date have a bisecting crack through the 1 of the date to the E of LIBERTY, which produces a curious "V" area in the hair below that letter. This coin appears to be close to Bowers die state III or a bit earlier, as the crack isn't visible above Liberty's head. Lovely dark gray in the fields with lighter silver on the devices of the obverse, the reverse with multicolored tones within the devices which come alive when the coin is examined. The rims, surfaces and devices are all totally problem free and this coin is very choice for the grade. This might be at the low end of the condition census, but there are several known in approximately this grade, with a single mint state coin known.

Estimated Value \$1,250-2,000

From the John Haugh collection.

Silver Dollars



1160 1798. BB-110, URS-6, B-16, R-6. ANACS graded VF-25.

One of the classic rarities of the Bust dollar series, the obverse die broke quickly with a heavy crack from the rim near the first star to the tops of the 179 of the date. Nearly every coin seen of this variety is a different die state with the crack growing progressively worse with every coin struck. A few are seen with only a trace of the crack, which starts between the 17 of the date and makes its way to the left towards the rim below the first star. This particular coin is actually a fairly early state, with the crack heavy over the 179, but weak by the time it nears the star. Toned with dark gray hues in the fields, lighter silver on the devices, which are well struck. There are several rim knocks, including two over RTY and another below the first star, and other smaller ones on the obverse. On the reverse, we see rim marks over the first A of AMERICA and other smaller ones as well. No other circulation problems worthy of note, and a very rare coin in all grades, with perhaps 30 known in all.

Estimated Value \$2,500-3,500

From the John Haugh collection.



1161 1798. Double Struck Reverse. BB-120, URS-9, B-12, R-4. ANACS graded VF-25.

Here is another rare double struck Bust dollar. The entire reverse is sharply doubled, with a healthy shift between the strikes. There is no evidence of doubling on the obverse. Dark gray toning with minor verdigris hidden in the devices, and we note faint surface scratches in the right obverse field. For the variety, this coin may be near the lower end of the Condition Census, and more work will be done on that in the near future. Certainly a rare coin in even moderate grades, and to find an error of this variety is quite unusual. Identifiable by a rim bump below the arrow feathers, and of course, the double striking on the reverse.

Estimated Value \$1,500-2,500

Purchased privately by John Haugh from Jonathan Kern.

Extremely Rare 1798 BB-91, B-32 in Very Fine



1162 1798. BB-91, URS-5, B-32, R-7. PCGS graded VF-20.

An extremely rare coin in any grade, this die pairing was first discovered about 25 years ago, and only a few have been offered over the years. First the obverse die was used to coin the 13 star small eagle coins, then the new heraldic eagle reverse die was paired with this obverse. Therefore, it is logical to assume that this was the first silver dollars of the heraldic eagle variety coined in 1798. The dies were not properly aligned, and this variety is virtually always weak on the sixth and seventh star and the L of LIBERTY. Further, the obverse die cracks with a break from the rim to the bust near the 8, and another through the third and fourth stars to the ribbon. These cracks, and unusual die swelling, combined to make the obverse and reverse dies appear oblong, and slightly out of round. The coin itself is truly round, and this was checked prior to submission to PCGS. Toned with deep steel gray in the fields, lighter on the devices on both sides. Identifiable by a small edge nick above the Y on the obverse, and on the reverse by light adjustment marks near OF and a thin scratch through the upper right side of the shield. As to the Condition Census of a dozen coins, this one is probably near the lower end, but all the higher grade examples we've seen are tied up in specialized variety collections. One of the rarest of all Bust dollar varieties, and anyone who is serious about these coins should put this one away as it may not be offered again for many years.

Estimated Value \$4,000-6,500

This coin was a duplicate owned by H. Rolland Willasch and sold to Jim Matthews via Julian Leidman in February 1989, it next appeared in Bowers & Merena's Alexander Sale, November 1996, lot 2001 then to the John Haugh collection.

Silver Dollars



- 1163 1798. BB-111, URS-10, B-11b, R-4. PCGS graded VF-20.** A very late die state example of this popular variety, this is Bowers die state VII with the heavy crack extending to the last star at the upper point and the area above Liberty's head is starting to mound as seen in the final die state seen. As the obverse die was failing with the heavy pair of cracks from the last star, the centers are always weakly struck. Lovely steel gray fields with lighter silver on the devices. Faint adjustment marks are present on the obverse boarder, and a few shallow scrapes are noted on Liberty. Overall, this is a very nice coin for the moderate grade assigned, and a rare and desirable die state for the specialist. This is a very interesting die progression, initially the obverse die forms swelling through Liberty's hair, and soon a crack forms through the lower 3 points of the last star. The coiner noticed the obverse crack, removed the die and lapped the crack out, and a few examples are known that show mounding where the original crack was, but it was literally erased from the die with a file of some sort (Bolender 11-a, Bowers State IV), as the die continued to strike more coins, it broke again, this time through the top point of the last star through Liberty's mouth to the back of her head into the field below L. As last the die was retired, but not before it produced one of the most interesting die progressions in the entire Bust dollar series.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,500

From the John Haugh collection.



- 1164 1798. BB-122, URS-10, B-14a, R-3. ANACS graded VF-20.** While not a rare variety, this later die state and somewhat scarce as such. The central obverse is both weakly struck and with just enough wear that the graders were not too generous, while the reverse has sharp wing feathers and appears to be a grade higher. The auction will decide, as always. Steel gray and pleasing, with problem free rims and surfaces throughout.
Estimated Value \$750-1,000

From the John Haugh collection.



- 1165 1798. BB-115, URS-9, B-31, R-5. ANACS graded VF-35.** Dark steel gray and very nice for the moderate grade assigned. This variety is always weakly struck above the eagle, with a few of the stars flat or missing, as well as a cloud, and this was caused several die cracks and by the lack of metal moving when the coin was struck, with high demands to fill Liberty's bust, there wasn't enough pressure to fill in the stars which are opposite. Just missing the condition census, this coin should still bring a premium for the variety.
Estimated Value \$1,250-2,000

From the John Haugh collection.



- 1166 1799. BB-165, URS-11, B-8, R-3. PCGS graded AU-50.** Head and shoulders above the average bust dollar, even for this 1799, which is the most common date in high grade. Desirable blue and gold toning enhances both sides, giving the coin an antique appearance. As with most 1799 dollars, the strike is strong, and only a trace of weakness is noted on the upper reverse stars and the eagle's head. Average handling marks, including a faint pin scratch through Liberty's mouth, and another up from the inside point of star ten. This is a slightly better variety, which in this grade is probably in the top dozen known for the die pairing.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on May 4, 1946 for \$20.00.

Silver Dollars



- 1167 1799. BB-162, URS-10, B-6, R-4. ANACS graded AU-50.**
 Deep steel gray in color, with the fields and devices the same color. Fairly well struck, with no signs of weakness anywhere. The surfaces show no adjustment marks or other post minting problems, but there are some scattered specks on the obverse. This is Bowers die state III, the most often seen for the variety. Not in the condition census, but a nice collector coin that could probably be improved by someone knowledgeable in this area.
 Estimated Value \$2,000-3,250

From the John Haugh collection.



- 1168 1799. BB-155, URS-8, B-19, R-5. ANACS graded EF-40.**
 Toned a dull steel gray, probably from an ancient cleaning and retoning, a bit of luster still remains near the devices. This is an example of the later die state IV per Bowers, with the obverse cracks through the first three stars to the date, and an additional crack on the reverse at the D of UNITED. We feel that this coin was not graded by ANACS because of some hidden scratches on Liberty's drapery, and more bagmarks than one would expect for the grade. Nevertheless, the coin has lots of detail, and is of the desirable late die state, which should be worth a look from specialists.
 Estimated Value \$1,000-1,750

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Desirable 1844 Uruguay Un Peso Struck Over a 1799 Bust Dollar



Enlarged



- 1169 1799. Bust dollar undertype with an 1844 Uruguay Un Peso Fuerte. EF-40.** An extremely rare coin, either way you look at it! First, the 1844 Uruguay Un Peso Fuerte was struck during the civil war siege of Montevideo at the Mint located there. Silver from all available sources was gathered up and struck without the usual refining or other preparation, and thus many show undertypes from Latin Pesos and two show undertypes of United States Bust silver dollars, which were apparently in circulation in Uruguay during 1844. One of these was sold in Kagin's 1983 ANA Sale, lot 1722, and this coin now resides permanently in the ANS. This is the other example with the Bust dollar undertype. After careful research, the undertype Bust dollar is almost certainly a 1799 BB-164, B-17 Bust dollar. This was determined by close examination of the arrowheads and UNITED STAT, which are the most visible portion of the undertype. To attribute this coin note that the first arrowhead ends about midway under the U of UNITED, and using a strong glass a hint of the die crack on the 1799 BB-164, B-17 can be seen through the middle of the U to the base of the N, another crack is seen through the ST of STATES, and the position of the T of STATES over the cloud seems to confirm that this variety was used for the host coin. While the 1844 Uruguay Un Peso Fuerte is rare in its own right, but struck over a United States Bust dollar makes it extremely desirable! The surfaces are steel gray in color, and there are no surface problems of any kind. The undertype of the Bust dollar is visible on both the obverse and reverse, with most of the arrows, UNITED STATE and part of eagle's right wing clear with a glass. The only other overstrike involving a Bust dollar that we know of is the 1804 dollar struck over an 1857 Bern Shooting Thaler. An extremely rare and desirable example of countries borrowing from each other to make their own sovereign coinage. Additional suggested sources of information are Alcedo Almanzar and Dale Seppa in *Coins of Uruguay*, 1971, and *Coin World* articles on these overstrikes dated September 20, 1993 and November 15, 1993 and possibly Freeman Craig, who is a noted authority on these issues. Our thanks to researcher W. David Perkins for this information.
- Estimated Value \$4,000-6,500

From Superior's sale circa 1992 and sold privately in August 1993, it also appeared in a Ponterio auction circa 1997-98, then next in Bowers and Merena's LaRiviere Part III Sale, May 2001, lot 23, and the John Haugh Collection.

Silver Dollars



- 1170 1799. BB-163, URS-12, B-10, R-2. EF-40.** Charcoal black toning on both sides with slightly lighter color on the devices, and this one has been cleaned in the past. The reverse die state is very late, with complex cracks through the legends and devices. There are some small marks about the rims on both sides.
Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500



- 1171 1799. BB-168, URS-10, B-22, R-5. ANACS graded VF-35.** A scarce variety that is seldom offered, aside from the large hoard in the Bowers 1989 ANA sale which contained 26 pieces. This coin does not seem to be from that hoard. One small field dig is located at the inside of the fifth star, and another scrape is noted at the top of the branch on the reverse. As always seen, the reverse die is broken with a rim to rim horizontal crack which extends through the wings and upper chest of the eagle. Curiously, the reverse is always much sharper struck than the obverse, which is notoriously weak. Virtually all known of this variety grade EF or lower, as the weakness on Liberty always grades this variety down, while the reverse is always a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$1,250-2,000

From the John Haugh collection.



- 1172 1799. BB-167, URS-10, B-14, R-3. PCGS graded VF-30.** A slightly better variety for the year, this one boasts mottled gold and blue toning around the rims, and generally silver gray at the centers. We note a nick on Liberty's jaw and a couple of similar ones hidden in her hair. Smooth rims and average surfaces for the grade, and appealing for the color. This one comes with an ancient coin envelope written with a quill pen.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in May, 1944 for \$17.50 and make sure to get the very old coin envelope with this one.



- 1173 1799. BB-157, URS-11, B-5, R-2. ANACS graded VF-20.** Steel gray in color and nice for the grade. There are a few faint scratches, but they are not too distracting. Well struck by the dies, with the usual die cracks through the reverse legends. One hidden gouge on the left wing of the eagle. Our consignor believes this coin was double struck, but we could find no trace of another strike.
Estimated Value \$750-1,250

From the John Haugh collection.

Silver Dollars



- 1174 1799. Flipover Double Struck.** BB-161, URS-11, B-11a, R-3. ANACS graded **Fine-15**. The evidence of the flipover double strike is in the left obverse field, where the claw and arrow shafts can be seen second through fourth stars. As to the coin itself, the surfaces are steel gray in color, with problem free wear. We could find no trace of undertype on the reverse. An affordable example of a rare Bust dollar error.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,750

From the John Haugh collection.



- 1175 1799. 8 stars left, 5 right, BB-159, URS- 11, B-23, R-4. EF-40.** Steel gray toning on both sides with hints of blue and gold too. Well struck for this variety, with strong curls on Liberty and all the stars complete over the eagle. The surfaces appear to have been cleaned long ago with trivial lines on the surfaces, but nicely toned today so as not to bother us. One small nick located on the dentils above the E of LIBERTY, but this coin is far nicer than the majority seen of the variety. Over the last decade, few of these have been offered in high grade, and we anticipate strong action for this prize when it crosses the block. Always in strong demand for the unique obverse star combination, and many collectors require one for their Red Book collections, keeping prices for this variety high. To find a high grade example usually takes some patience.
Estimated Value \$1,200-1,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on May 4, 1946 for \$35.00.

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"The Star Gazer" Error 1799 Bust Dollar



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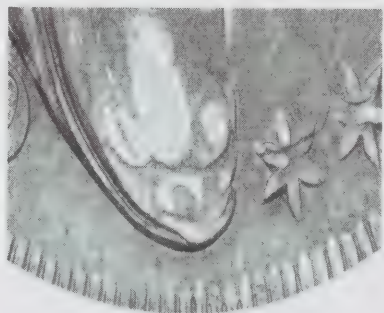


- 1176 1799. *Flipover Double Struck*. 8 stars left, 5 right, BB-159, URS-11, B-23, R-4. **VG-8**. Although a moderate grade, this coin is a delight to behold. First of all, it is the scarce 8 X 5 stars obverse, which was only used on this one die variety, and has been listed in the *Guide Book* for many years as an important major type variety. Second, this is a dramatic error, not just a double strike, but the coin flipped over between strikes, so the eagle's wing and scroll are visible on the bust, and best of all, Liberty's face gazes upwards from the star field above the eagle's head! This coin was subject to an article in the *Coin World* issue of August 12, 1996. The surfaces are very clean for the grade, and the fields are medium gray while the device lighter. Other traces of the initial strike are present, but most of this was obliterated by the second strike. An impressive error for the specialist.
- Estimated Value \$1,250-2,000

From Bowers and Merena's LaRiviere part II Sale, March 2001, lot 344 and the John Haugh collection.

Silver Dollars

The "Super" Liberty 1800 Bust Dollar



- 1177 1800. *Flipover Double Struck*, BB-187, URS-11, B-16a, R-2. NGC graded AU-55. This is perhaps the finest known flip over double strike in the Bust dollar series, as all such coins are rare, and we've never heard of another high grade one like this! Further, this is the "Super Liberty" because the second S of STATES is centered directly on her chest drapery. In addition, the date can be made out on the reverse around the right wing as you face the eagle, with portions of the 18 on the wing, and the 00 located on OF. Most of the first strike was obliterated by the second, but enough remains to show that this is clearly something special. Gorgeous colors throughout, with deep blue at the rims, rose and gold elsewhere, and quite lustrous in the fields. One tiny dig is noted above the 8 in the date. We note a couple of rim marks above LIBERTY, but they are hard to see in the holder. An opportunity for the specialist to snag something really fun.
Estimated Value \$3,500-7,000

Purchased from J.J. Teaparty at the Portland ANA in 1998 by W. David Perkins, and sold later to John Haugh.



- 1178 1800. BB-190, B-10a, R-3. AU-53. Lovely antique gray toning on both sides and very original. Well struck on the obverse, with excellent definition on the upper curls of Liberty, and well centered too, with long dentils surrounding. On the reverse the die was cracked, which allowed for minor weakness on the right side of the shield and wing. This is actually a much later die state than mentioned in Bolender, but others have been seen with the shattered reverse as seen here. Problem free for the date and grade, with no significant rim marks or adjustment marks, just a very pleasing coin from an old time collection.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500



- 1179 1800. BB-190, URS-11, B-10, R-3. PCGS graded AU-50. This coin is just about perfect for the grade. Dark gray and blue toning on both sides, clean surfaces and just a touch of wear on the high points of the design. This is a later die state, with faint cracks through the legend on the reverse, and a clash mark located near Liberty's bust from the eagle's wing. Identifiable by a very faint pin scratch below UNITE on the reverse and a tiny mark in the field just over the eagle's head. As perfect for the grade as any bust dollar seen. This particular coin is not noted in the Bowers-Borckardt survey, and is probably at the low end of the top dozen known for the variety. Bowers die state IV, and we note strong clash marks from the eagle's wing above and below Liberty's bust on the obverse, and faint drapery lines below OF in the field. There are two faint breaks through the C of AMERICA, and another through ER. Note also that the reverse die is rotated about 20 degrees counterclockwise.
Estimated Value \$2,800-3,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in his final sale of March 30, 1946 for \$21.00.

Silver Dollars



- 1180 1800. BB-193, URS-11, B-13 (B-18), R-4. ANACS graded EF-45.** Light silvery gray in color, with minor hairlines in the fields from a past cleaning. Some luster resides near the devices. Struck after the reverse die clashed with the obverse, with the familiar "spray" of lines connecting two stars to the clouds, the clash marks are from Liberty's drapery lines. Overall, this coin has better than average eye appeal and color, and the surfaces are decent for the grade.
Estimated Value \$1,250-2,000

From the John Haugh collection.



- 1181 1800. BB-186, URS-9, B-4a, R-4. VF-30 or better.** A rare die state of this underappreciated variety! The obverse die cracked apart, quickly terminating its use soon after this one was struck. Note the heavy die crack through the B of LIBERTY to the first star, and another through the 1 in the date up into Liberty's hair, other small cracks are present too. Die swelling at Liberty's ribbon, with no definition at the back, as seen on this die state. Curiously, the coin does not appear to be round, the obverse die shattered before this one was struck and cracks can be seen through the date to the top, with severe die swelling on Liberty's ribbon. It is apparent that the coin is not perfectly round, and it is likely that the dies were also out of round and produced a slightly elliptical coin. Other late die state examples of this coin have this same unusual feature. The reverse die is rotated counter clockwise about 20 degrees. Silvery gray in color, with just a bit of toning, and traces of luster are noted in the protected areas. One small toning streak between TY of LIBERTY should help trace the pedigree. This variety was missing from the Blevins collection, and many other specialists have had difficulty in locating a nice specimen beyond what is expected for the rarity assigned.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,500

From Bowers & Merena's LaRiviere Part II sale, March 2001, lot 348 and the John Haugh collection.



- 1182 1800. "AMERICA", BB-192, URS-11, B-19, R-2. ANACS graded AU-50.** This is the more common of the two varieties which were struck with this reverse die, both of which show the curious die line or die scratch after the last A of AMERICA, appearing to be an "I", but in reality is probably the right side of a repunched "A" or some sort of error in cutting the stem of the branch. The other quick identifier for this variety is the small die line located below the first star. Toned with golden highlights over lustrous surfaces, we do note moderate hairlines beneath, but this is still a pleasing example for the variety or type collector. Identifiable by a small vertical mark at the center of the eagle's chest.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,500

From the John Haugh collection.

Magnificent Original 1801 Draped Bust Dollar



- 1183 1801. BB-212, URS-11, Bolender-2, Rarity-3. PCGS graded AU-58.** Gorgeous original toning on both sides, the obverse deep gray with ample russet and red hues near the devices, the reverse similar with even brighter colors set off by the luster in the fields. Average handling marks expected for the near mint state grade, and a few old hairlines too. 1801 silver dollars are very scarce in higher grades as seen here, PCGS has graded 8 this high, and importantly only 3 as mint state above. Don't delude yourself into thinking this is a "common" date bust dollar. As to the strike, this one is decent, with definition on Liberty's curls save for the uppermost ones that show light wear. Identifiable by a very minor pin scratch through the lower left side of the O in OF up to the left through the rim.
Estimated Value \$9,000-11,000

Purchased privately several years ago from a prominent dealer.

Silver Dollars



- 1184 1801. BB-213, URS-10, B-3, R-3. PCGS graded VF-35.** Bluish gray in color on the obverse, golden gray on the reverse. A sharp strike and minimal handling marks. This variety pairs a common obverse die with a reverse die that has no right serif on the base of the letter T on the reverse, which appears 3 times. Estimated Value \$1,200-1,500

*From the Benson collection and purchased from
Ira S. Reed around 1946.*



- 1185 1802. 2 over 1, BB-235, URS-7, B-9, R-6. ANACS graded VF-30.** A rare variety that is seldom offered, this coin has the diagnostic lump below the B on the obverse, and the reverse "B" which was used on several die pairings from 1801 to 1803, quickly identifiable by a lump on the lower right curve of the D of UNITED. This is Bowers die state III, and rare as such. Most coins show the obverse crack from the rim to the bust, and this probably terminated the dies use before many were struck. Light gray in color and probably cleaned long ago, but all in all, a well struck, well preserved example of this die pairing. Far and away the rarest of the 1802, 2 over 1 varieties. Our consigner considers this coin to be under graded, and as always, the market will decide the value. Estimated Value \$1,500-2,500

From the John Haugh collection.



- 1186 1802. 2 over 1, wide date, BB-234, URS-10, B-3, R-3. PCGS graded VF-35.** Soft medium gray in color, with darker hues in the stars and periphery. We note a wide but shallow scrape from just under Liberty's nose to the curls behind her ear, and another tiny scratch on the fourth feather up on the left wing. The color is a matte gray. Not the prettiest coin in the sale, but it sure has a great pedigree. Estimated Value \$1,200-1,500

*From the Benson collection and purchased from Numismatic
Galleries 1946 ANA Convention Sale, August 20, 1946,
lot 1318, with envelope included.*



- 1187 1802. 2 over 1, wide date, BB-233, URS-8, B-2, R-4. ANACS graded VF-30.** A scarce and under appreciated variety that is difficult to locate in high grade. This particular coin boasts some luster in the protected areas, and is golden gray in color. Identifiable by a small mark in the right obverse field between Liberty's chin and the eleventh and twelfth stars, and a small dark toning spot hidden in her lower hair, at the level of the junction of her neck and drapery. Overall, this one has nice surfaces, rims and color, and is probably at the lower end of the condition census for the variety, although this hasn't been updated for several years. Estimated Value \$1,250-1,750

From the John Haugh collection.

Silver Dollars



- 1188 1802. Narrow normal date, BB-241, URS-12, B-6, R-1. PCGS graded EF-40.** Medium steel gray and choice overall, but we note a dark streak through the lower right obverse, possibly from a rubber band. Of all the known bust dollars, this is one of the most common varieties. For some reason, these dies just kept on going, and thousands upon thousands were struck. The BB-241, B-6 is quickly recognizable by the missing right foot (serif) on the T of LIBERTY, and the reverse has a small die break connecting the second feather from the top to the rim on the left wing of the eagle. The broken T punch was also used on the reverse of 1801 BB-213, B-3. Overall, this is still a nice coin for the grade assigned.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700

From the Benson collection and purchased from David Bullowa on May 25, 1946 for \$14.00. It is interesting to note here that Ira S. Reed sold his coin business to David Bullowa in early 1946.



- 1189 1802. Narrow date, BB-241, URS-12, B-6, R-2. VF-25.** One of the most common varieties of all bust dollars, this one is re-toned a nice dark grey color and is well struck. There are some rim marks on both sides, as illustrated. Minor adjustment marks on the reverse through OF.
Estimated Value \$750-1,250

From Heritage's June 2001 sale, lot 5697 and the John Haugh collection.

Nearly Mint State 1803 BB-252, B-5 Bust Dollar



- 1190 1803. BB-252, URS-11, B-5, R-3. Small 3. PCGS graded AU-58.** One of the finest graded of this date, PCGS notes just 13 graded this high, with 3 graded higher. The obverse is well struck by the dies, with most of the stars full, and substantial hair detail on Liberty. Silvery gray on the obverse, with most of the luster intact. On the reverse, we note rich gold and green toning over the luster with abundant eye appeal. The reverse die was probably lapped when this one was struck as the eagle's tail is a bit weak, and some of the devices seem a bit shallow. One very thin scratch is noted on Liberty's chest, but we see no other signs of handling worthy of note. Certainly high in the condition census for the variety, and worthy of a strong bid from a specialist who demands the finest available for this variety.
Estimated Value \$8,000-UP



- 1191 1803. Small 3, BB-254, URS-10, B-4, R-3. PCGS graded AU-53.** Sharply struck and with decent luster in the fields near the devices. Light steel gray in color and evenly toned on both sides. The surfaces show gentle circulation and minor fine lines seen on virtually all early silver coins. Early dollars such as this are very difficult to locate in high AU grades, and even securing an EF can sometimes be challenging. We anticipate a strong price when this one crosses the block.
Estimated Value \$4,500-5,500

No provenance known, but purchased privately.

Silver Dollars



- 1192** 1803. Small 3, BB-251, URS-9, B-1, R-4. PCGS graded AU-50. Good luster and well struck on all but a few of the left obverse stars. This one has a bisecting obverse die crack through the R of LIBERTY to between the 18 of the date. In the color department, this one is quite choice, with blue near the edges and abundant gold in the fields. Clean for the grade, with no surface disturbances, the only mark worth describing is a rim nick just right of the eagle's tail. There is a trivial planchet streak up into the field through the first two stars on the obverse. One of several really choice bust dollars offered in the Benson collection, we hope all collectors can obtain at least one of these memorable toned coins for their collections, and wish we had even more to sell. This is Bowers die state III, and probably in the top dozen of the variety, although this is speculative until further research is done to bring the Condition Census more up to date. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

From the Benson collection and purchased privately from B. Max Mehl on May 4, 1946 for \$32.50.



- 1193** 1803. Small 3, BB-252, URS-11, B-5, R-3. SEGS graded AU-50 "V" Counterstamped obverse. The obverse of this coin is counterstamped with 4 large "V" shaped punches, deeply into the coin, slightly deforming the reverse. Some luster remains and the coin does not appear to have circulated much after the counterstamps were done. Few counterstamped bust dollars are known, and this is a coin that the future owner can enjoy and research. Nice surfaces and slightly mottled gray and gold toning on both sides, and while it is aggressively graded by SEGS, it is a curiosity that will find interest.

Estimated Value \$300-600

From the John Haugh collection.



- 1194** 1803. Large 3, BB-255, URS-12, B-6, R-2. PCGS graded VF-35. Light steel gray in color and with average surfaces. We note adjustment marks on the left side of the obverse, some of which continue through Liberty's hair. We note one short scratch through the base of the N of UNITED. The reverse die was rotated about 20 degrees counterclockwise, as usual for this variety. Sharply struck on the right stars and most of the devices.

Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400

From the Benson collection and probably purchased from Ira S. Reed or James G. Macallister circa 1944-6 for \$21.00.

Gobrecht Dollar

Popular 1836 Gobrecht Pattern Silver Dollar



- 1195** 1836. Pattern Silver Dollar, J-60, P-65, R-3, Restrike, Silver, reeded edge. PCGS graded Proof 62. Pollock die alignment IV, medal turn with the eagle flying level. This particular coin boasts gorgeous blue toning around the obverse rim, steel gray elsewhere. Boldly struck, as expected for a proof, and this coin retains abundant eye appeal. Over the decades this one has been lightly wiped with the resulting hairlines normally seen, but they are not that distracting. Given the artistic beauty of this design on the reverse, one wonders why it was not adopted for the regular issue. We note that the 8 shows slight recutting on the lower right side of the loop. An impressive example of this beautiful pattern issue. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$7,000-8,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in his auction of May 27, 1944 for \$65.00.

Silver Dollars

Liberty Seated Dollars



- 1196 1842. EF-40.** Lightly cleaned at one time, yet enough mint luster remains to justify a grade a few points higher.
Estimated Value \$200-250



- 1197 1842. VF-25.** Lightly cleaned at one time, no big deal and rather clean for the grade.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1198 1843. AU-50.** Cleaned and retoned to a dark gunmetal gray blue color with some purplish hues mixed in. Sharply struck, but not well preserved currently.
Estimated Value \$250-350

Rare Choice Proof 1845 Silver Dollar



- 1199 1845. NGC graded Proof 64.** Light silvery gray in color with gorgeous blue and gold toning around the periphery. Of course the devices are all boldly struck, including the stars and fine details on Liberty. Similar on the reverse, which has smoky gold around the rims, and hazy gray at the centers. Identifiable by a couple of minor spots, one located in the right obverse field near Liberty's knee, and another on the rim below the 1 in the date. Examination with a loupe will note a minor disturbance in the delicate mirror field on the left side of the obverse, near the first couple of stars, and decidedly few signs of handling elsewhere. Liberty is well frosted by the dies, and shows up with excellent contrast for an early proof issue. As to the rarity, is it estimated that 15 survive of this extremely rare early proof, of those NGC has graded 8 coins, three of which as PF-64, the other 5 are graded higher. PCGS reports they have graded 6 coins, the best of which is PR-64, and the rest in lower grades, including two mishandled specimens. The date is clearly repunched on this coin, with the 84 showing below the final punching as seen on most of the known survivors in proof. Over the decades these early proof issues (struck prior to 1858) are seldom seen. Collectors search for decades to locate an example of a particular date, and it is highly unusual to find one in very choice condition as offered here. What few are found are usually offered when famous name collections are sold, and many years can pass before certain dates are seen. This is a rare opportunity to purchase a coin worthy of a king's collection, in choice proof condition.
Estimated Value \$25,000-30,000



- 1200 1846. AU-55.** Slightly prooflike in the fields and completely without toning aside from a pleasant gray hue. Boldly struck by the dies and well preserved for a large coin. A couple of trivial rim ticks noted for accuracy.
Estimated Value \$500-600

Silver Dollars



- 1201 1847. MS-60.** Well struck by the dies with full stars on the obverse, sharp details on Liberty's head and nearly complete definition on the eagle's thigh. Examination will note moderate hairlines in the fields from an old cleaning, but these should tone over if given a chance, and this process has already begun with areas of gold starting to form in the fields. Scattered handling marks, none worthy of note, and excellent rims that show no bumps.
Estimated Value \$600-700

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source around 1945.



- 1202 1847. AU-55.** Gunmetal gray in color with hazy gray highlights. Sharp and probably cleaned long ago.
Estimated Value \$450-550
- 1203 1847. AU-53.** Hazy and white, with no signs of toning. One tiny struck through lamination left of the cap on the rim. Sharp and impressive.
Estimated Value \$425-475
- 1204 1847. AU-50.** Steel gray and somewhat dull. Minor rim ticks visible with a glass and well struck.
Estimated Value \$400-450
- 1205 1847. EF-45.** Lightly cleaned at one time, although quite lustrous for the grade, we note some rim bumps on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$250-300
- 1206 1850. Sharpness of EF-45 but repaired at ONE DOL.** This one has been repaired along ONE DOL and these letters are quite weak. Darkly toned. Still a rare date with just 7,500 minted, and few have been found in any grade today.
Estimated Value \$250-350



- 1207 1850-O. PCGS graded EF-45.** One of the scarce dates from the Seated dollar series. This one is toned a natural appearing gray color, and traces of luster can be seen in the fields. Sharply struck with full stars and details on Liberty. A perfect coin for a true collector of the series to put away to represent this date.
Estimated Value \$750-1,000

Rare Proof 1858 Liberty Seated Dollar



- 1208 1858. Proof 60.** The proof mintage of this date has long been quoted to be 80 pieces. This number has been traced back to the Chapman's, who apparently had inside connections to the Philadelphia Mint. More recently, the number coined has been estimated at 300. Regardless of the number coined, this date has always been quite rare and always in demand by date collectors. This particular example is toned a deep smoky gray with pinkish highlights on the devices. Examination with a glass will note several tiny ticks from handling, including a minute rim tick near the fourth obverse star, and a small field scrape just above the second star, and a similar tiny scrape below the last A of AMERICA, as well as moderate hairlines. Nevertheless, this is a very rare coin that is only offered when important collections come up for sale, and will not doubt receive strong demand today as it did when it last sold in 1944.
Estimated Value \$4,500-5,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed in his Selmier auction, lot #20, December 1, 1944 for \$135.00.

Silver Dollars



- 1209 1859. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Nearly a gem that boasts fiery gold toning in the fields, and well frosted devices. Few signs of handling anywhere to be found with faint hairlines in the fields, and no real contact marks. PCGS has graded 33 this high with 9 graded higher of the original 800 struck in Proof. Color photo. Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on July 9, 1945 for \$32.50.



- 1210 1860-O. MS-60+.** Nice fresh mint luster and almost certainly from the bag of these that turned up several decades ago. We note a small nest of light scratches near the last star in the field. Estimated Value \$750-1,000

- 1211 1860-O. NGC graded AU-55.** Light gray and quite lustrous. Estimated Value \$400-450



- 1212 1863. PCGS graded MS-62.** The obverse is toned with mottled green and gold toning over luster, and the reverse silvery gray. Moderate hairlines are seen in the fields. It is worth noting that there is some doubling on the lower reverse, including the leaves, and this coin has the appearance of a well struck proof. However, the date is centered, and the fields are more satiny than reflective, indicating a regular business strike. Dr. Benson purchased this coin as a proof from B. Max Mehl, which is quite understandable. Color photo. Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 9, 1945 for \$22.00 as "Proof".

Gem Proof 1865 Liberty Seated Dollar



- 1213 1865. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Streaky greenish gold toning on both sides, with areas of lighter silver scattered about. Rare in proof, especially in gem condition, and with a mintage of just 500 coins, there aren't many around. PCGS has graded 27 this high, with just 8 graded higher, all PR-66. An opportunity. Color photo. Estimated Value \$8,000-10,000

Gem 1865 Liberty Seated Dollar



- 1214 1865. ICG graded Proof 65.** Wow! What a stunning coin! Not a late in the year striking as all of devices are sharp and crisp. This magnificent "no motto" dollar explodes with color. The surfaces on both sides exhibit a vivid blending of violet, gold and sea green iridescence. Certainly among of the most beautiful survivors from a mintage of only 500 proofs made. This prize should be viewed in person or at a minimum see our color plates. Estimated Value \$7,000-9,000

Silver Dollars



- 1215 1865. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Deep smoky gray in color and very well struck and preserved. Under a light, the surfaces come alive with iridescent blue and red hues on both sides. The fields show minor hairlines which account for the grade. Only 500 struck, this certainly one of the better ones to survive.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

From the Benson Collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on June 20, 1945 for \$18.00. We note that the Mehl envelope notes a lot number, #463, and this is possibly from Mehl's June 12, 1945 sale.

Magnificent Proof 1866 Liberty Seated Dollar With Motto



- 1216 1866. With motto. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Magnificent blue and rose gold toning throughout, perfectly arranged so the devices are highlighted. This is a very important coin, it is the first year of the new type with the addition of the motto "In God We Trust" on the reverse, and all but two clandestine 1866 dollars have the motto above the eagle. Close examination of the surfaces finds little to fault, the surfaces show virtually no signs of contact, and hairlines (if any) are faint at best. PCGS has graded 51 this high from the original mintage of 725, with 14 graded PR-65 above, and 2 coins graded PR-66 on top of the census. If you love toned proof coins, then this one will make a welcome addition to your collection. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$5,000-UP



- 1217 1866. With motto. AU-58.** A very pleasing example, loaded with mint luster and free from noticeable problems. Only the slightest evidence of friction is discernible; all with attractive light toning.
Estimated Value \$800-900



- 1218 1867. PCGS graded Proof 62.** This one has beautiful antique blue and gold toning on both sides, which add greatly to the appeal. Well frosted devices, and free of all but a few tiny ticks and light hairlines in the fields. There is one small cloudy area in the right obverse field. An exceptional coin for the grade that drips with eye appeal. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 29, 1945 for \$25.00 as "Brilliant Proof Gem".



- 1219 1867. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Hazy white in color, and boldly struck throughout. We note a trivial pin scratch on the reverse from the motto to the rim between D S of UNITED STATES, and a small scuff above the I of UNITED. Minor hairlines in the delicate fields, but frosty and well preserved otherwise.
Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400

Silver Dollars

Gem Mint State 1867 Liberty Seated Dollar



1220 1867 One of the Finest graded! NGC graded MS-65.

First off, if you love gorgeous mint state gem coins, then take a look at this! Full luster in the fields is enhanced by a delicate rose tone, with gold hints and deep ocean bay blue at the rims. The centers are silvery gray, with copious frost on the devices. As to the strike, it is just about perfect, full stars, curls on Liberty, claws on the eagle, and everywhere we look, there are no signs of weakness. If one had to find something, then perhaps some faint hairlines will do, and a couple of trivial ticks on Liberty's right arm near her elbow. We note a two toning spots which may help in tracing the pedigree, one below the U of UNITED into the wing, another at the top left of the second T of STATES.

A quick review of the NGC and PCGS Population Reports will show that only 4 examples are reported as MS-65, two by each service. Neither service has graded any higher of this date. A premium coin for the date or type specialist who wants something really special for their collection.

Estimated Value \$15,000-UP

Iridescent Toned Gem Proof 1868 Liberty Seated Dollar



1221 1868. PCGS graded Proof 65. Lovely sea green and blue tones with deeper silver accenting the devices. Fully struck and quite well preserved. If you collect toned proofs, then this is a coin you will long own if you are lucky enough to purchase it. While all proof seated dollars are scarce, in higher grades the population really drops off and the known gems are seldom offered. PCGS has graded nearly a third of the entire 600 minted, but only 9 have been seen this high, with a tiny 3 graded higher.

Estimated Value \$7,000-8,000



1222 1868. PCGS graded Proof 63. Well balanced on the obverse with gold toning near the periphery, lighter gray in the fields, and frosted on the devices. The reverse has more toning which weighs in heavily on the gold side, with a few areas of darker blue near the edges. As expected, the fields show hairlines. Identifiable by a hidden mark on the ball of the 6.

Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 29, 1945 for \$13.50.

1223 1868. AU-50. We note some hairlines on the surfaces and a few stray marks too. Medium steel gray in color and appealing.

Estimated Value \$400-500



1224 1869. PCGS graded Proof 63. Here is one for the toned coin lover, at first glance the obverse appears to be a milky gray color, but when held under a light the colors come alive and reflect back brilliant blue, gold and red hues, similar on the reverse, but the colors and toning are more mottled and include more green and red. While not the highest technical grade, this one certainly has a unique appeal for its dazzling array of colors. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 29, 1945 for \$19.25.

Silver Dollars



- 1225 1870. PCGS graded Proof 61.** Gunmetal gray in color with moderate hairlines in the fields. We note a series of small ticks above the left side of the motto. 1,000 were coined in proof, and this one is probably average of those that survive.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200



- 1226 1870. PCGS graded MS-61.** A rather brutal grade for a coin that is really pretty decent. The edges are toned with antique blue and gold at the edge, and the balance of the coin is bright and untuned. As to the surface marks, we see an average number for a large dollar sized coin, but none are really deep or distracting. Make sure to view this one before the sale and see what you think, and ignore the off-putting grade from PCGS. We're certain most collectors will love this coin.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.

- 1227 1870. NGC graded AU-50.** Light silvery gray in color with traces of luster. Average surfaces for the grade, and one for the date collector.
Estimated Value \$400-500



- 1228 1870-CC. VF-35.** A well struck example with enough detail and some traces of mint luster to justify a full grade higher. We note scattered marks in the unprotected areas, well concealed by the medium grayish-violet toning, and minor rim bruises on both sides. One of the semi-key dates in the series.
Estimated Value \$600-800



- 1229 1871. MS-60.** Blue and gold toning on both sides, a bit disorganized, but still pretty. Moderate hairlines but plenty of luster remains to justify the grade. Well struck, and a good type coin for display in an album.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250



- 1230 1872. PCGS graded Proof 64 Cameo.** A truly beautiful coin for the grade, the surfaces are generally untuned and the coin is a lovely silvery gray color. Each of the devices is well frosted, and against the mirror fields we note a much stronger than usual contrast, and hence the coveted "cameo" designation from PCGS. If you want loads of eye appeal, without breaking the bank, then here is the coin for your collection. PCGS has graded 44 this high, and 14 higher.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000



- 1231 1872. MS-60.** Hazy and white, with no signs of toning really starting on this one. One spot in the upper left obverse field. Sharply struck.
Estimated Value \$500-700

Silver Dollars



- 1232 1873. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Well frosted on the devices which contrast well with the toned mirror fields. This is the final year of issue for the Seated Liberty design, and coinage was switched to the Trade Dollar design in that year. Faint hairlines that can only be seen with a strong glass. PCGS has graded 46 this high, with just 15 graded higher of this date. Color photo. Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 29, 1945 for \$18.00.



- 1233 1873. PCGS graded Proof 63.** A beautifully toned specimen exhibiting uniform midnight iridescence. We note 3 or 4 small scratches in the right obverse field, well concealed by the toning, that keeps this coin from grading even higher. Last year of the Seated Liberty Dollar with only 600 proofs made. Estimated Value \$2,000-2,200

High Condition Rarity 1873-CC Liberty Seated Dollar



- 1234 1873-CC. PCGS graded AU-50.** Steel gray in color and fairly eye appealing for this date. We note one mark on Liberty's body on her lower chest and a jagged scrape hidden through the E of WE and continuing up between TE of STATES at the top of the reverse, and these are typical of Carson City issues, which are known to have circulated very hard. Slightly weak on Liberty's head, as always for the date. Mintages plunged to 2,300 coins in 1873 for Carson City silver dollars, the country went into a sharp, deep depression at this time, and few were willing to let go of any silver to be used for coins. Of the few produced, virtually all circulated, and PCGS in their Population Report show only 6 graded this high, with 2 graded in each AU-53, 55 and 58 above, and a single coin graded as mint state-60 at the top. Obviously, this is one of the best around, and certain to please the specialist in the series for its steel gray color and hints of luster in the fields. It may be years before another this nice is offered. Estimated Value \$15,000-UP

Silver Dollars

Trade Dollars



- 1235 1873. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Nearly perfect in the toning department, this one boasts iridescent blue at the rims, coupled with rich gold predominating in a perfectly even fashion over the reflective fields and frosty devices. Boldly struck on each device and well preserved by time and collectors. We note ever present hairlines in the fields, but they are expected for the grade. A most impressive example of this first year of issue of the Trade dollar. PCGS has graded 38 as such, with 27 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,800

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.



- 1236 1873. ANACS graded Net Proof 60, Artificially Toned.** The artificial toning is steel gray with lilac highlights in the fields. Fully struck throughout, with a few trivial handling ticks on both sides, and a couple of small recessed areas sometimes seen on these large proofs.
Estimated Value \$700-800



- 1237 1873-CC. PCGS graded EF-45.** Medium gray and evenly toned on both sides for this scarce issue. Only 124,500 were struck, most of which have been lost, melted or chop marked over the years. Perhaps a few hundred remain nice, and this is one of them. One minor dark stain in Liberty's lap, and a streak is noted from the branch to Liberty's face. Any collector will appreciate this coin.

Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.



- 1238 1873-S. MS-60.** Satiny white luster in the fields and quite appealing, with hints of toning starting to form. One small planchet flaw is located to the left of the date, not affecting the devices. Of the 703,000 struck, most entered circulation, many overseas in fact (where they were intended to circulate) to China where many were chop marked by local merchants. Nice for the grade, with minor hairlines and handling ticks that are not too distracting.

Estimated Value \$500-600

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.

Silver Dollars



- 1239 1874. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Smoky gray toning with lighter areas at the center of the obverse and reverse, and hints of gold and blue in the fields. As to the quality, this one is head and shoulders above most, the fields remain quite fresh, and show none of the heavy hairlines which often demolish the grade on these. While the toning on this one may not be as colorful as often seen on the Benson coins, this one is nevertheless quite desirable for its mint fresh surfaces and seductive silver appeal. PCGS notes only 11 graded this high, with just 2 graded higher (both PR-66), making this one of the best around for the date. Estimated Value \$5,500-6,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.



- 1240 1874. ANACS graded Net Proof 60, Artificially Toned.** This one is toned a very dark gray, and likely has hairlines in the fields beneath the toning. The strike is sharp save for the eagle's thigh and breast, each of which show weakness on some feathers. Inspection recommended, as this one may or may not suit your tastes. Estimated Value \$700-900



- 1241 1874-CC. PCGS graded MS-63 Premium Quality.** A rare date in this grade, this one flashy and untuned coupled with satiny mint luster throughout. Well struck too, with full centers on the stars and all devices. Examination will note some minor hairlines, and lighter than the usual tickmarks from handling. PCGS in their Population Report shows only 30 graded this high, with just 10 graded higher. An important coin for the specialist. Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000



- 1242 1874-CC. PCGS graded AU-58.** Most of the original luster is present, and the surfaces show light scuffs from handling and circulation. Well struck and a good representative of this date and mint. Estimated Value \$300-400

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source.



- 1243 1874-S. PCGS graded AU-55.** Rose and gold toning and clean for the grade. We note trivial hairlines from circulation, but no other problems. Boldly struck and choice for the grade. Estimated Value \$190-220

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.

Silver Dollars



- 1244 1875. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Watery reflective fields provide an excellent foundation for the gold and blue toning, while the devices are piled high with mint frost. Light hairlines expected for the grade. Overall, a very choice coin for the grade. Estimated Value \$1,600-1,900

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.

- 1245 1875-CC. PCGS graded AU-55.** Typical of most "CC" coinage, this one has moderate scuffs and handling ticks from even limited circulation. Apparently, coins that entered circulation from this Wild West Mint were jostled about, unlike their counterparts in the gentile east, which seldom show the rough and tumble handling. This particular one was preserved long before most, and the surfaces show good luster and medium gold toning on both sides. Estimated Value \$200-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.



- 1246 1875-S. PCGS graded AU-58.** Rich gold toning over the lustrous fields, with virtually all of the mint frost intact. Normal surface marks from handling, and no real wear to speak of. Don't miss this one. Estimated Value \$200-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.

- 1247 1875-S grading MS-60 cleaned and 1876-S AU-55.** A nice pair for the Trade dollar date collector. Lot of 2 coins. Estimated Value \$400-500



- 1248 1876. PCGS graded Proof 64.** An America entered its centennial year, a wave of patriotism swept the nation. In response, the Philadelphia Mint coined more than the usual number of proof coins, taking extra care to produce especially well struck pieces of the current 1876 coinage. This is no exception, and the strike is second to none. Further, this one has carefully handled since it was struck, receiving only a couple of tiny signs of contact since it was struck, and precious few hairlines. In the color department, this one shines too, with resplendent blue and gold perfectly balanced on each side. A coin that no collector will ever want to part with. Color photo. Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.



- 1249 1876. NGC graded Proof 63 Cameo.** A lovely cameo proof that boasts great contrast between the fields and frosty devices, with light peripheral toning. Minor hairlines in the fields account for the grade, but this one remains very attractive. Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700



- 1250 1876-CC. SEGS graded MS-61 "Toned".** Deep gray and blue toning on both sides of this rare coin. The strike is decent, but the high points show slight weakness. A scarce coin in mint state, few were saved and most entered circulation and stayed there long before their rarity was recognized and commanded a premium. Estimated Value \$1,350-1,600

Silver Dollars

- 1251 1876-CC. VF-20.** Cleaned and wiped with an abrasive cloth resulting in hairlines in the fields and on the devices. Retoned a medium gray color.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.



- 1252 1876-S. MS-60.** Moderate hairlines in the fields, but this one retains the original luster in the fields. Starting to tone with gold in the fields and on some of the devices. Fully struck, and one of the more common dates of this series.
Estimated Value \$275-325

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.



- 1253 1877. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Bright and deep frost on the devices is well contrasted with the golden toning around the periphery. Excellent surfaces and well struck by the dies. One tiny speck has been removed from beneath the first 7 of the date. There remains some confusion over the original proof mintage for 1877, records suggest only 510 were struck, which would be the lowest proof mintage aside from the 1884 and 1885 Trade dollars. PCGS has graded 43 this high, with just 20 graded higher. An impressive example of this rare date, and a coin that would easily fit in a gem collection for its eye appeal and seductive toning.
Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.



- 1254 1877-CC. MS-63.** Creamy white luster and well struck by the dies. Many of the reported mintage were melted as demand was not as high as expected. We note minor hairlines in the fields, and a few handling ticks which account for the grade, but this is still an appealing coin for the date specialist.
Estimated Value \$5,000-6,000

- 1255 1877-CC. VF-20 but Cleaned.** Cleaned long ago, with heavy hairlines on both sides. Steel gray and starting to retone.
Estimated Value \$175-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.



- 1256 1877-S. MS-60.** Flashy luster in the fields and toned with delicate gold hues and areas of blue and red near the date. Both sides show some blotchy areas, which are not too distracting.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.

- 1257 1877-S. PCI graded AU-55 "Cleaned".** We note that this coin was also retuned, and the reverse is pitted. **Our net grade EF.** This coin is sharply struck, but the surfaces are hairlined and it is darkly toned with mauve and gray hues.
Estimated Value \$100-115

- 1258 1877-S. AU-50.** Cleaned and retuned.
Estimated Value \$125-175

Silver Dollars



- 1259 1878. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Coinage of Philadelphia issue 1878 Trade dollars stopped on a dime this year, only 900 were struck in proof and that's it. Throw away the bid sheet if you want to acquire this coin, for it boasts superb blue and gold toning in the fields contrasting with highly frosted devices. Well preserved with few signs of handling, and minimal hairlines. PCGS has graded 69 this high, with 18 graded higher in various grades. An absolute "keeper". Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.



- 1260 1878-CC. VF-20 cleaned.** Sharpness of a higher grade, but cleaned with an abrasive which resulted in heavy hairlines and surfaces that appear to have been polished. Nevertheless, this is a very rare coin, and the key date to the regular issue Trade dollars. A few rim bumps around the lower obverse.
Estimated Value \$400-500

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.



- 1261 1878-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** As you like it. Resplendent toning which will virtually take your breath away, and undisturbed luster and frost throughout. Yes, there are some minor handling marks in the fields, this is a normal business strike issue, and it bounced around in a bag for at least a few years before being set aside by a collector. There is no need to argue the finer points of grading here, this is simply a gorgeous coin that boasts all the eye appeal and then some. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 for \$2.50 (can you imagine!).



- 1262 1878-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** A conservative grade for this delightful coin. We note a tiny scuff near Liberty's knee which will serve to identify the coin. Layered in pretty gold toning, some of which appears to have been caused by an ancient fingerprint on the reverse. Great luster and color throughout, with some blue at the edges. Sharp and desirable. PCGS has graded 50 this high, with 26 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.

- 1263 1878-S (2 pieces).** One grades AU-55 and is toned, the other AU-58 and is bright and lustrous. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$400-500

Silver Dollars



- 1264 1879. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Issued only in the proof format, the 1879 Trade dollar was a victim of the massive outpouring of Morgan dollars from every mint starting in 1878. 1,541 Trade dollars were struck in 1879, and this one remains choice despite very minor hairlines. Toned with natural gold in the fields, and quite appealing.
Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.



- 1265 1880. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Good color and eye appeal but there are a few trivial hairlines in the fields. Starting to tone around the periphery, and great contrast between the fields and devices.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 1266 1880. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Good contrast with frosty devices floating on a glassy sea of mirror fields, surrounded by a touch of gold toning at the edge. 1,987 were struck, most of which were probably mishandled or lost. This choice one boasts clean surfaces for the grade, minimal hairlines and great color.
Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.



- 1267 1880. Proof 60+.** Smoky toning on the obverse, gray at the bottom, and darker up towards the upper right, the reverse with pretty shades of blue and pink, with lighter areas on the eagle. Minor hairlines, but quite presentable for this proof only issue.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250



- 1268 1881. PCGS graded Proof 65.** A superb gem of this date, only 960 were coined in proof, and most were mishandled. The strike is especially sharp on this, and the frost is piled high on the devices, and this may qualify as a "cameo" next time around. In the color department, this one is a winner, the edges show a rich tapestry of blue and gold towards the stars, while the fields are mostly a deep mirror gray. In their population report, PCGS notes just 38 have been graded this high, with 13 graded higher. One for the perfectionist, who must have the grade *and* the eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$5,500-6,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.

Silver Dollars



- 1269 1882. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Cameo in appearance with white frost on the devices and lettering, and mirror black reflective fields. Examination will locate a fine array of hairlines, but they are far lighter than usually encountered. Sharply struck with full stars and head on Liberty. Outstanding quality for the grade.
Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.



- 1270 1883. PCGS graded Proof 62.** Right on for the grade, this one has moderate hairlines and is generally untuned on the obverse, with some darker gray on the reverse. Sharply struck, including the obverse stars. 979 were coined, at least half of which survive in decent grades.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from James G. Macallister on June 8, 1944 as part of a Proof Trade dollar set for \$120.00.

Morgan Dollars



- 1271 1878. 8 tail feathers. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Bluish gray toning with rose highlights on the devices, and evenly toned on both sides. The fields show some hairlines, but Liberty's face is especially nice. One of just 500 struck in Proof, this the first year of issue of the new Morgan design. These were struck in March of 1878, and soon thereafter the design was changed to show seven tail feathers on the eagle pursuant to Mint Director Linderman. Identifiable by a small toning spot in the field midway between Liberty's lips and the stars, and a small round low area just below the middle of eagle's beak. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,700-2,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 9, 1945 for \$22.50.



- 1272 1878. 8 tail feathers. PCGS graded MS-66.** One of the finest graded of this initial production run of Morgan dollars. PCGS has graded 17 as such, with a single coin graded higher, confirming this is truly one of the finest around of the 8 tail feather variety. We note the N of ONE is doubled, as are other letters on the reverse, but the beak and top arrow are not doubled. Perhaps this is a slightly doubled die or some other minor variety. Bright white and lustrous, with no signs of toning on this one. Fully struck and exceptional quality for the date.
Estimated Value \$6,000-7,000

- 1273 1878. 8 tail feathers. PCGS graded MS-64.** Strong luster and well struck by the dies, the fields are even slightly prooflike. A touch of gold around the upper edge on the obverse. Housed in a small old PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 1274 1878. 8 tail feathers. NGC graded MS-64.** Toned with lilac gold on the obverse, evenly distributed, the reverse white. Scarce this nice.
Estimated Value \$200-250

Silver Dollars



- 1275 1878. 7 tail feathers, second reverse. PCGS graded MS-66.** Another condition rarity in this grade. Gorgeous luster in the fields with well frosted devices. No signs of toning and very clean surfaces for the grade. PCGS in their Population Report shows 15 graded this high, *with none graded higher!* Keep that in mind when bidding, there are none graded higher, making this one of the very finest to come down to us.
Estimated Value \$4,500-5,000



- 1276 1878. 7 tail feathers, second reverse. ICG graded MS-65.** Incredible deep multi-color toning completely covers the obverse, while the reverse is totally white.
Estimated Value \$600-700
- 1277 1878 7 tail feathers, second reverse and 1878 7 tail feathers, third reverse. Both are PCGS graded MS-64.** The second reverse coin has light toning, while the other is bright and fresh. Both are in old green insert PCGS holders. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$350-400

1878 Morgan Dollar. 7 tail feathers, third reverse



- 1278 1878. 7 tail feathers, third reverse. PCGS graded MS-66.** Blazing white in color, with ample frost and luster in abundance. Superb surfaces, and rarely encountered this fresh and pristine. PCGS in their Population Report show only 6 graded this high (5 as normal, and 1 as Prooflike) with none graded higher of this important variety. Keep that in mind when this one crosses the block! An important opportunity for the specialist who demands the finest available.
Estimated Value \$14,000-18,000

- 1279 1878. 7/8 or Clear doubled tail feathers, Strong. PCGS graded MS-64.** Light gold at the edge, mostly white and quite lustrous. Clean surfaces for the grade. Housed in an old small style PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$200-225
- 1280 1878. 7/8 tail feathers strong, and 1878 7/8 tail feathers weak. Both are PCGS graded MS-64.** The strong reverse coin is toned, and the weak tail feathers reverse is bright white. Both are in old green insert PCGS holders. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$350-450



- 1281 1878-CC. PCGS graded MS-66.** Extremely bright and fresh for this date, the surfaces are pristine and show nary a flaw or tick. PCGS has only graded 103 this high, including the various prooflike modes, but importantly just 2 have been graded technically higher. If you demand the very best around, then here is one to consider. Blast white and untoned with glowing luster.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

Silver Dollars



- 1282 1878-CC. PCGS graded MS-66.** A magnificent example of this date, PCGS has graded 103 this high, with 2 graded higher. Obviously, this is one of the best around. Curiously, the reverse die is rotated about 90 degrees clockwise. Great luster and clean surfaces, the only tick worth mentioning is near the left obverse stars.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 1283 1878-CC. PCGS graded MS-65.** Superb toning on the obverse, deep rose and gold over dancing luster. The reverse is bright, and somewhat prooflike. Fully struck and a magnificent gem for the specialist.
Estimated Value \$1,000-UP

- 1284 1878-CC. PCGS graded MS-64.** One tick on the cheek from a gem, good luster and scarce. This one is in an old small style PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$200-225

- 1285 1878-CC. ICG graded MS-63.** Mostly white in color, with a hint of gold at the rim. A couple of marks below the arrowheads.
Estimated Value \$100-125

- 1286 A group of 8 GSA Morgan Dollars in the black government boxes.** These include the following dates: 1878-CC; 1879-CC; 1880-CC; 1881-CC; 1882-CC; 1883-CC; 1884-CC and 1885-CC and each coin grades MS-60 or better. All are still mounted in the original GSA black holder. We note the 1879-CC is a clear mintmark example, and has a long, deep scratch on the left wing of the eagle. Most are white and untuned. Lot of 8 coins.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

- 1287 1878-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** Stunning original toning from the Benson collection, the hues range through deep gold, gray and yellow in dizzying complexity on the obverse, the reverse similar with speckled gold evenly distributed. Needless to say, the surfaces are nearly perfect beneath. Common enough even in this grade, but still special for its colors.
Estimated Value \$500-550

From the Benson collection.

- 1288 1878-S. ANACS graded MS-65.** Nicely toned with the obverse bisected with a semi-circle of deep rainbow colors.
Estimated Value \$125-200

- 1289 1878-S and 1879. Both are PCGS graded MS-64.** We note these are mostly white, and are in old green insert PCGS holders. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$125-150



- 1290 1879. PCGS graded MS-66.** Frosty and bright, with just a whisper of haze on the obverse. Close examination will note how nearly perfect Liberty's cheek is, and how remarkably clean the fields are too. Hence the coveted MS-66 grade from PCGS. In their Population Report we note 28 graded as such, with 2 others in Prooflike or DMPL grades, and a single coin higher as the finest they've seen.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

- 1291 1879-O. NGC graded MS-64.** Nice and frosty and delicately toned on both sides.
Estimated Value \$250-300

- 1292 1879-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** Flashy and bright, with a bit of gold around the edge. In an old small style PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$225-275



- 1293 1879-S. Second reverse. PCGS graded MS-65.** This is the rare reverse of 1878, PCGS has graded just 28 this high with a single coin graded higher! Toned with silky gray shades over the entire coin and we note that the fields are prooflike beneath the toning. Clean surfaces throughout, and a gem by any standards. Quickly identifiable by the parallel arrow feathers on the reverse as the 1878 style.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from Norman Schultz on April 19, 1946 for \$2.00.

Silver Dollars



- 1294 1879-S. Second reverse. PCGS graded MS-64.** A scarce variety that is seldom offered in high grade. This particular one boasts slightly prooflike fields, good frost on the devices, and is untoned. Widely scattered marks, and problem free. This is in an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$750-1,000



- 1295 1879-S. Third reverse. PCGS graded MS-67.** Exceptional eye appeal on this one, with satin smooth fields and devices. Undisturbed mint frost throughout and it would be hard to imagine a finer example. PCGS has graded 801 this high, with just 55 higher, all MS-68.
Estimated Value \$450-500



- 1296 1879-S. Third reverse. PCGS graded MS-66.** Intense gold, fuchsia and blue tones on the obverse, going from lighter to darker hues from the bottom of the coin to the top. A touch of gold on the reverse rim. Not only are the colors spectacular, but the grade is nothing to sneeze at either. One for the toning specialist who also appreciates the surfaces. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$400-500



- 1297 1879-S. Third reverse. PCGS graded MS-65.** Extremely bright toning on the obverse of this coin. The fields are deep blue and green, with areas of rose and fuchsia mixed in, with gold elsewhere. Gem surfaces too, with no problem handling marks at all. The reverse is bright, save for a toned area on the upper right.
Estimated Value \$300-350

- 1298 1879-S. Third reverse. NGC graded MS-65.** Deep iridescent coin shaped toning on the obverse from the third star to the N of UNUM in an arc. Gorgeous colors to view, the balance of the surfaces stark white and frosty. A gem too, and highly appealing.
Estimated Value \$100-150

- 1299 1879-S. Third reverse. NGC graded MS-64.** Great toning on the upper obverse, starting with flashy blue, then red, then greenish gold with the lower coin shaped area satiny silver. White on the reverse, with a hint of gold at the edge.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 1300 1879-S. Third reverse; 1880-S; 1881-S and 1883-O. Each of these is PCGS graded MS-64 Prooflike.** All four are in old green insert PCGS holders. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$250-300



- 1301 1880. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Jet black in the fields with the devices toned a rich midnight blue with hints of rainbow tones mixed in. Sharp throughout and well preserved, with very few signs of handling. These early proofs are always popular with date collectors and for representation of type. Nicely contrasted if you like well toned coins.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

Silver Dollars



- 1302 1880. PCGS graded MS-65.** Slightly hazy and still quite white in color. While considered a common date, this one is harder to find than many others in full gem condition.
Estimated Value \$450-500



- 1303 1880. PCGS graded MS-64.** Deep iridescent blue and gold toning on both sides! Frosty luster beneath, and if you want deep, glowing tones, then make sure to pick this one up. Clean surfaces too.
Estimated Value \$200-UP

- 1304 1880; 1881 and 1882. Each of these is PCGS graded MS-64.** The first has light toning, the others are white. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-250



- 1305 1880-CC. 80 over 79, second reverse. PCGS graded MS-64.** Frosty and bright, and without a hint of toning. Minor scuffs, none of which are deep or detracting. Housed in a green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$400-600

- 1306 1880-CC. 8 over high 7, third reverse. PCGS graded MS-64.** Slightly prooflike, and we note good luster and untuned surfaces. In a small PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$250-300

- 1307 1880-CC. 8 over high 7, third reverse. PCGS graded MS-63.** A bright flashy example of this underrated date, the surfaces retain their mint freshness, and we see no signs of toning starting to form. What few ticks there are must be well hidden, as this one looks better than the grade assigned.
Estimated Value \$200-225

- 1308 1880-CC. 8 over low 7, third reverse. MS-63.** Toned an even lilac gray on both sides, with mint fresh luster beneath. While not a particularly rare coin, this one has a knockout pedigree.
Estimated Value \$200-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from Stack's H.R. Lee (Louis Eliasberg duplicates) sale, October 2-4, 1947 at \$10.00 with envelope included.

Tied for Finest Graded 1880-CC Morgan Dollar



- 1309 1880-CC. PCGS graded MS-67.** This is the high 7 overdate variety. Glowing white luster throughout and nearly perfect in terms of surfaces. PCGS has graded just 3 as such in their Population Report, with none graded higher. A rare opportunity for the specialist to put away one of the very finest examples of this popular and underrated variety.
Estimated Value \$10,000-14,000



- 1310 1880-CC. Third reverse. PCGS graded MS-65.** Snowy white in color and well frosted on the devices. Fully struck by the dies and without a whisper of toning. Scarce this nice, and rare any better.
Estimated Value \$500-600

- 1311 1880-CC. Third reverse, GSA dollar. MS-60.** Gorgeous rainbow toning on the obverse, and mounted in a GSA holder.
Estimated Value \$150-200

Silver Dollars



- 1312 1880-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** Flashy and bright, and a choice example of this rare date. PCGS notes 566 graded this high, but here's the important information, just 17 are graded higher, all MS-65. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$750-UP

- 1313 1880-S. NGC graded MS-67.** Rich golden toning on the obverse, deepening on Liberty's face and hair, and exceptionally clean surfaces. On the reverse we note vibrant luster and just a touch of gold at the edge.
Estimated Value \$375-425



- 1314 1880-S. PCGS graded MS-67.** One of the better ones to cross through the doors of PCGS, we note the surfaces are bright white and still without toning. Fully struck by the dies, and pristine. PCGS has graded 1,131 this high, with 101 higher.
Estimated Value \$375-425



- 1315 1880-S. Rainbow toned obverse and reverse. NGC graded MS-66.** Here we start a small group of magnificently and richly Morgan silver dollars. If you are not able to view these coins in person, we recommend that you view them in color on our website at "goldbergcoins.com" as a black and white photo can not possibly do these dazzlers justice. In particular this 1880-S has a deep blue arc from the top to the bottom of the obverse, with rich reddish gold hues through Liberty's hair. The toning is similar on the reverse and extends past the eagle's chest starting from the right side, while the left side is bright silvery white. Exceptional surfaces too, and this one is truly a delight to behold.
Estimated Value \$600-700

- 1316 1880-S. NGC graded MS-66.** Mottled gold and blue toning over satiny luster across the entire obverse, the reverse white.
Estimated Value \$150-200



- 1317 1880-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Deeply toned on the obverse with the colors of blue, violet and gold predominating. These toned Morgans have quite a following, especially when the colors are this vivid and the surfaces remain in gem grades. Frosty luster beneath the toning, and the reverse remains bright save for a hint of gold at the edge. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$500-600



- 1318 1880-S. PCGS graded MS-65 Deep Mirror Prooflike.** Dark fields surround the blazing white mile high frosted devices, providing glorious cameo contrast. Nice enough for a gem, but there are finer ones graded, keeping this one in the more affordable class. Don't miss this one if you love the cameo contrast.
Estimated Value \$350-400



- 1319 1880-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Honey gold color over most of the obverse with darker greens and violet behind Liberty's head and the field below. The reverse is lightly toned with gold fading to blue on the lower rim. A gem in color as well as surfaces.
Estimated Value \$200-250

Silver Dollars



- 1320 1880-S. ICG graded MS-64.** This one is placed in the ICG holder reverse side up for a good reason, it shows off the stunning blue, gold and green toning. Further, the reverse fields are prooflike, and the surfaces quite well preserved. Mostly white on the obverse, with a touch of gold at the rims.
Estimated Value \$250-300

- 1321 1880-S. MS-64.** A near gem that has splendid cartwheel and frosted devices. Well struck throughout by the dies. We note a couple of tiny nicks, one on the eagle's neck, another in the right reverse field below the wing.
Estimated Value \$35-45

From the Benson collection and purchased from Kuabenscheck on April 29, 1946 for \$1.50.



- 1322 1881-CC. PCGS graded MS-67.** Here is a monster coin that boasts copious white frost on the devices and seductive luster in the fields. Needle sharp in strike, and without a touch of toning. The surfaces are where the true story lies, many were produced, and many were banged up during production, shipping, inventories and storage. This one is truly exceptional, as PCGS has graded 47 this high, with just 2 graded higher of the date. Perhaps a record will fall when this jewel crosses the block.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000



- 1323 1881-CC. PCGS graded MS-66.** A high end example of this date, with very clean surfaces and excellent mint color. No toning and abundant frost. Boldly struck by the dies, and PCGS has graded 676 as such, and not many higher.
Estimated Value \$700-800



- 1324 1881-CC. VAM-2. ANACS graded MS-66.** Mostly white save for a colorful arc of deep blue, gold and green on the lower left obverse. Excellent surfaces, and quite fresh in appearance.
Estimated Value \$300-400



- 1325 1881-CC. PCGS graded MS-65.** A very clean face on Liberty is noted for the specialist. Bright and without toning, and full luster all around. A well struck gem of this popular and slightly scarcer date.
Estimated Value \$350-400

- 1326 1881-CC. PCGS graded MS-64.** Delicate gold toning on both sides, with quite a bit of luster beneath. A few minor scuffs, but quite a lot of appeal.
Estimated Value \$225-275



- 1327 1881-O. PCGS graded MS-65.** As nice as this date is found, this one has nice white color and strong luster. It is sharp on the hair over Liberty's ear and on most of the reverse breast feathers. PCGS has graded a scant 183 this high, with an additional 5 in the prooflike grades, and importantly just 5 are graded higher, all MS-66. If you want one of the best, then take a look at this coin.
Estimated Value \$900-1,000

Silver Dollars



- 1328 1881-O. PCGS graded MS-65.** This one has a hint of blue gold on the lower obverse rim, white otherwise. A rare date, and this one is hard to locate in gem.
Estimated Value \$900-1,000
- 1329 1881-O; 1882-O; 1883-O and 1884-O. Each of these is PCGS graded MS-64.** All are bright and untuned, and we note they are each in the old green insert PCGS holder from a few years ago. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-250



- 1330 1881-S. ICG graded MS-67.** Mottled light green and gold toning on both sides, with amazing luster in the fields. The surfaces are also pristine, with just a few trivial bagmarks. The reverse colors show some brilliant red also, and this coin is exceptionally appealing. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$500-UP



- 1331 1881-S. ICG graded MS-67.** Fantastic rainbow toning on the obverse along the right side. Deep blue-green at the rims, brighter red then rich gold through Liberty's ear, fading to satiny luster for the balance. Lightly toned on the reverse. Slightly prooflike and extremely well preserved, with precious few signs of handling.
Estimated Value \$150-UP



- 1332 1881-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** Midnight blues over most of the obverse with areas of bright pinkish red in the fields, with green overtones. The reverse with light gold at the edge, flashy luster elsewhere. Examine this one under a light if you want to take in the color schemes. Gem surfaces, with an excellent cheek on Liberty.
Estimated Value \$400-500



- 1333 1881-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** Toned with blue and green on the lower obverse, fuchsia through the face, lighter golden green through her hair and antique gold behind and above. White on the reverse save for edge gold. Well struck by the dies, and very clean for the grade.
Estimated Value \$350-400
- 1334 1881-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** A satiny gem with delicate light turquoise and pale pinkish toning across the entire obverse. The reverse is white with golden toning around the borders.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1335 1881-S. NGC graded MS-66.** Deep gold toning on the obverse, with bluish hints too over the luster. The reverse is nearly white, save for a brilliant red dollup of toning on the lower right rim.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1336 1881-S. ICG graded MS-66.** Iridescent blue green tones on the right side of the obverse, fading to gold for the balance in varying intensities. Blast white on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$150-200

Silver Dollars



- 1337 1881-S. NGC graded MS-65.** Sunset gold on the obverse with deeper blue green on the face and into the fields. Clean surfaces too, with just a few ticks. Typical reverse, white with a ring of gold. Another toned dollar for the specialist. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$500-UP



- 1338 1881-S. Rainbow toned obverse. NGC graded MS-65.** This one has gorgeous rainbow hues spanning the obverse on the right side, the left side is frosty and bright. On the reverse we see light golden tones around the edge. The color is divided evenly, right through Liberty's ear to her bust tip, and ranges through brilliant blues, radiant reds and luscious lavenders. If you can't come to the sale in person, be sure to view these in color on our website at goldbergcoins.com.
Estimated Value \$450-550



- 1339 1881-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Gorgeous toning on both sides, the obverse with blue at the rims fading to vibrant and deep reddish gold at the centers, the reverse more gold in color. Well struck, and exceptional coloring for the supremely common date.
Estimated Value \$300-400
- 1340 1881-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Toned with a vibrant rainbow of jewel tones through the lower left field to Liberty's face, the balance frosty and white above, and on the reverse, save for a bit of gold toning. Loaded with eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1341 1881-S. NGC graded MS-65.** The upper three quarters of the obverse is toned with crackle blue and gold tones, while the balance is white and frosty. A gem and very appealing.
Estimated Value \$100-150



- 1342 1881-S. Rainbow toned obverse. NGC graded MS-64.** Toned with glowing jewel tones on all but the upper one fifth of the coin, and probably protected from toning by the edge of another coin which lay on top here. Deep blue, red, purple and green on the obverse in glorious hues that exude a vibrancy not seen often. Minor surface marks do not detract given the toning. Obviously from near the top of a bag, and certain to delight the toned dollar specialist.
Estimated Value \$600-700

- 1343 1881-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Satiny blue toned luster fading to reddish gold through Liberty's face on this one. Brilliant on the reverse. Clean surfaces but not quite a gem, but certainly one in the color arena.
Estimated Value \$150-200



- 1344 1881-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Normal surface marks but this one is deeply toned with splendid rich gold and green hues on the obverse. Make sure to view it, as this is no ordinary 1881-S.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1345 1881-S PCGS Grading set of 9 coins.** The following PCGS grades are included of the 1881-S Morgan Dollar: MS 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 and 68. Most are white, but some have light toning. We note some old green inserts, and the MS-67 is a small old style PCGS holder. Lot of 9 coins.
Estimated Value \$700-800
- 1346 1881-S (2 pieces) and 1882-S. Each is PCGS graded MS-64.** The first has a note that it is VAM #1A, with recutting on the 88 in the date. This is faint but visible with a glass. All are bright and untuned and housed in the old green insert PCGS holders. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$100-125

Silver Dollars



- 1347 1882. PCGS graded MS-66.** Brilliant white color with well struck devices. We note a couple of very small specks on the upper right of the obverse and reverse, and these are the only signs of toning. One of the better coins from this date, PCGS has graded 93 this high, with just 4 graded a notch higher.
Estimated Value \$900-1,100

- 1348 A pair of certified Morgans.** The first is an 1882 NGC graded MS-63, next is an 1883-CC PCI graded MS-64, 75% toned. The toned dollar is very lovely. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-175



- 1349 1882-CC. PCGS graded MS-67.** One of the finest graded of this date, with just 23 seen this high, and one more as DMPL according to the recent PCGS Population Report, and on top of them all is one solitary coin graded MS-68. Nevertheless, the coin offered here has a gorgeous arc of greenish gold toning on the upper right of the obverse, while the reverse has a whisper of gold around the rims. Fully struck and exceptional quality for this date. A coin worthy of the finest set in the land.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000



- 1350 1882-CC. PCGS graded MS-66 Prooflike.** Great contrast on this coin, which is enhanced by the mirror fields and well frosted devices. We note on tiny speck in the left obverse field near fifth obverse star, and a single nick on the reverse right of the E in ONE, and these will serve to hallmark this important rarity. PCGS has graded 36 as Prooflike of the date, with none higher in that category, although there is one higher in DMPL and 23 higher in normal MS-67 grade.
Estimated Value \$900-1,100



- 1351 1882-CC. PCGS graded MS-65 Prooflike.** Stark white in color, with frosty devices and well mirrored fields. Completely free of toning, and appears to be fresh from a bag.
Estimated Value \$400-500



- 1352 1882-CC. ICG graded MS-65.** Deep gold and rose on the obverse, turning to blue at the date, and obviously from a bad as the reverse remains white and untuned. A clean cheek on Liberty.
Estimated Value \$200-UP

- 1353 1882-CC GSA dollar. MS-63.** In the familiar black GSA holder. Toned with stunning iridescent hues on the obverse, less so on the reverse. A top of bag example.
Estimated Value \$100-UP

- 1354 1882-CC; 1883-CC and 1884-CC. These each are PCGS graded MS-64.** Each is bright, but the first and last have a little bit of peripheral toning. Great luster, and a good trio. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$275-325

- 1355 A trio of Morgans.** 1882-CC SEGS graded MS-63; 1883-CC ICG graded MS-62 and 1884-CC NGC graded MS-64. Each is bright white. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-225

Silver Dollars



- 1356 1882-S. PCGS graded MS-68.** We are proud to offer one of the finest graded of this common date. The surfaces are superb, and show virtually no signs of contact, even with a strong glass. There is a touch of hazy toning in the left obverse field, but the coin remains very flashy and bright. Fully struck, and impeccably preserved by time. PCGS has graded 27 this high, with none graded higher.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 1357 1882-S. NGC graded MS-65.** The obverse is white save for a ring of gold, the reverse is an artists palette of resplendent golds, greens and blues, with the vibrant gold at the lower section, deep blue above.
Estimated Value \$200-300

- 1358 1882-S. MS-63.** Simply stated, this coin is magnificent. Iridescent blue and gold toning on the left side of the obverse, and even richer toning on the reverse. This one is certainly worth a good premium for the toning, and decent surfaces.
Estimated Value \$20-25

From the Benson collection and purchased from Knabeuschuk on April 29, 1946 for \$1.50 and placed in a kraft envelope these many years in order to develop this delightful toning.

- 1359 1882-S PCGS Grading set of 7 coins.** These are all PCGS graded as follows: MS-61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67. All are in the old style green insert PCGS holders. Lot of 7 coins.
Estimated Value \$750-850

- 1360 1883-CC. PCGS graded MS-66.** Stone white in color with blazing luster and pristine surfaces. One tiny toning speck on the left reverse wreath. About as perfect as one could hope for on this date.
Estimated Value \$400-475



- 1361 1883-CC. Rainbow toned obverse. NGC graded MS-64.** Another coin that boasts spectacular colors on the obverse, this one ranges through bright fuchsia and deep blue and green on the cap with brilliant golds elsewhere on the obverse. The reverse is frosty and white. Decent surfaces for the grade.
Estimated Value \$250-300

- 1362 1883-CC. ICG graded MS-64.** Deep iridescent blue, gold and red tones on the reverse on the upper two thirds with a coin arc of white below. Decent surfaces for the grade.
Estimated Value \$100-150



- 1363 1883-CC GSA dollar. MS-64.** Deeply toned with rainbow colors especially on the upper obverse, and mounted in a GSA holder.
Estimated Value \$150-UP

- 1364 1883-CC. ICG graded MS-62.** Iridescent toning on the upper left obverse rim and frosty and white elsewhere. There are several gorgeous toned dollars in this sale, and we expect all the collectors to be able to load up on a few at least of their favorite colors and dates.
Estimated Value \$100-125

- 1365 A pair of certified CC Morgans.** The first is an 1883-CC PCGS graded MS-63, next is an 1884-CC NGC graded MS-63. Both are toned on the obverse, the 1883-CC with light greenish yellow, the 1884-CC with gorgeous reds, blues and yellow hues, both are white on the reverse. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$160-180

- 1366 1883-O. PCGS graded MS-66.** A superb frosty mint gem with a semi-circle of deep turquoise toning across 1/4 of the obverse.
Estimated Value \$190-220

- 1367 1883-O. ANACS graded MS-65.** Toned with a thin rainbow arc on the right side of the obverse, the balance of the coin bright, fresh and lustrous.
Estimated Value \$150-200

- 1368 1883-O. ICG graded MS-64.** Deep irregular gold, blue and rose toning on the obverse, covering the entire surface area, the reverse bright.
Estimated Value \$150-200

Silver Dollars

- 1369** A trio of PCGS Morgans. The first is 1883-O PCGS graded MS-63; 1884-O PCGS graded MS-63 and 1886 PCGS graded MS-64. Each boasts gorgeous toning on the obverse, and all have at least some reverse toning. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$100-150



- 1370** 1883-S. MS-64. Blazing white luster and well struck for this scarce date. The surfaces show widely scattered marks but Liberty's face and the surrounding fields are above average. Slightly prooflike in the fields.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000



- 1371** 1884. PCGS graded MS-67. Tied for the finest graded of this date, PCGS has seen 16 this high, with one additional coin in the prooflike category. Flaming white luster and without toning. Struck from lightly clashed and cracked dies, and sharp throughout. An impressive example that is seldom found in high end gem grades.
Estimated Value \$3,800-4,300
- 1372** 1884; 1886; 1887 and 1889. Each is PCGS graded MS-64. All are white, with some light gold toning at most. Excellent surfaces and strikes, and we note each is in the old style green insert PCGS holder. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$125-175



- 1373** 1884-CC. PCGS graded MS-67. Exceptionally bright and fresh for this date, with undiminished surfaces. No signs of toning, just acres of snowy white frost and luster. PCGS in their Population Report show 44 graded this high, with only 3 graded higher. Another coin for the connoisseur who demands the best for their collection.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500

- 1374** 1884-CC. PCGS graded MS-66. Blazing white luster and well preserved. This one is in the old style green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$500-550
- 1375** 1884-CC. Lot of 2. ANACS graded MS-65 DMPL and ANACS MS-65.
Estimated Value \$325-375



- 1376** 1884-CC. MS-60+. Deeply and beautifully toned on the obverse, and mounted in a GSA holder.
Estimated Value \$200-UP
- 1377** 1884-CC GSA dollar. MS-60+. Resplendent blue, red and gold toning on the obverse only, and mounted in the GSA holder of issue.
Estimated Value \$75-100



- 1378** 1884-O. PCGS graded MS-67. Blast white in color and superb. PCGS in their Population Report show 36 graded as such, with just 2 graded higher in the combined 3 categories. If you are working on a Registry set, or just want the prettiest coin out there, then here is one to acquire.
Estimated Value \$1,700-2,200
- 1379** 1884-O. NGC graded MS-65 Deep Prooflike. Excellent cameo contrast on this one, with a ring of gold at the edge, and untuned elsewhere. Further, the surfaces are very nice, keeping this in the gem class, which is unusual with these delicate fields. A coin for the connoisseur.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 1380** 1884-O. PCGS graded MS-65. Toned on the obverse with taupe and gold hues, while the reverse remains bright and lustrous. A few surface marks from a higher grade, but a worthy gem nevertheless.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 1381** 1884-O. NGC graded MS-65. Toned on the obverse with a vibrant irregular rainbow of hues, the upper left dark at the rims, rainbow tones through Liberty's head, and much lighter beneath. The reverse is toned in mottled gold. A gem and highly appealing.
Estimated Value \$200-250

Silver Dollars

1382 1884-O. ICG graded MS-64. Gorgeous sunset red and gold toning with greens and blues at the center on the reverse, the obverse also toned, but not in such rich abundance, instead more peripheral blue and gold.
Estimated Value \$200-250

1383 1884-O. ICG graded MS-64. Deeply toned on the reverse with greens, golds and reds. Mounted reverse up in the ICG holder, white on the obverse. Filled O Mintmark.
Estimated Value \$150-200

1384 1884-O. NGC graded MS-64. Toned with vibrant reddish gold on the obverse fading to blue at the rim in an arc at the top half of the coin. White elsewhere on the lower obverse, and untoned on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$100-125



1385 1884-S. PCGS graded AU-58. As nearly always seen on this date, it just misses mint state. Bright white and untoned, with decent surfaces that appear mint state. PCGS has graded only about 150 in all mint state grades, with 346 in this AU-58 grade below.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250

1386 1884-S. NGC graded AU-58. Flashy and bright, but with a touch of wear as nearly always found on this date. Well struck, and we note full breast feathers on the eagle. A very rare coin any nicer than this, and hard enough to locate this nice.
Estimated Value \$500-650

1387 1885. PCGS graded MS-66. Bright white and fresh.
Estimated Value \$160-180



1388 1885. Rainbow toned on the right side. NGC graded MS-64 Deep Mirror Prooflike. Deeply toned with blue, red and gold on the right side of the obverse, from the peak of Liberty's crown down to the last few stars on the right, the balance a bright yellow gold in color, similar on the reverse, with the toning from roughly the right wing of the eagle to the base of the reverse, the other areas a similar bright yellow gold. This one is Deeply Prooflike too, and shows only minor signs of contact. One for the toned coin specialist.
Estimated Value \$400-500

1389 1885-CC. PCGS graded MS-65. Bright and untoned, with good luster on both sides and only moderate handling ticks scattered around.
Estimated Value \$450-500



1390 1885-CC. PCGS graded MS-65. Medium lilac and umber toning on the obverse, with some gold intermixed. Great surfaces and luster beneath.
Estimated Value \$450-500

1391 1885-CC. PCGS graded MS-64. Scattered ticks from handling, but still quite nice for the grade. Free of toning and note that this is housed in an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$250-300



1392 1885-O. ICG graded MS-66. Stunning iridescent toning at the upper third of the obverse, with rainbow hues and dark, seductive tones near the rim. Light gold on the reverse. Clean surfaces and exceptionally appealing.
Estimated Value \$100-150

1393 1885-O. ICG graded MS-66. A coin arc of color on the left side of the obverse, with deep gold and iridescent hues mixed in. White on the reverse, and very appealing.
Estimated Value \$100-150

Silver Dollars



- 1394 1885-O. Rainbow toned obverse. PCGS graded MS-65.** Remember, if you can't see these toned coins in person, make sure to view our website at goldbergcoins.com where they will all be available in color. Deep lustrous blue on the left side of the obverse, brilliant gold at the back behind Liberty's cap, with some purple-reds in between. The reverse mostly white save for some gold at the edge. Trivial contact marks on Liberty's cheek from perfection, and still a gem.
Estimated Value \$350-450
- 1395 1885-O. PCGS graded MS-65.** Toned with gorgeous rainbow bands through the lower left edge of the obverse, crossing Liberty's face to the right edge about 2 o'clock, with darker hues above, blast white untuned surfaces below. The reverse is toned with a sunset gold shade around most of the periphery, and bright luster in the fields. A lovely toned gem.
Estimated Value \$100-150
- 1396 1885-O. ANACS graded MS-65.** Deep mottled blue, gray and reddish gold toning on the obverse, while the reverse remains white. A gem underneath the blizzard of toning on the obverse.
Estimated Value \$100-150
- 1397 1885-O. NGC graded MS-65.** The obverse is toned on the lower half with vibrant rainbow tones from a bag. On the reverse, we note a light gold on the rim.
Estimated Value \$100-150



- 1398 1885-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** A better date that is in superb condition. Mint fresh whiteness with gleaming luster throughout. PCGS in their Population Report show only 17 graded this high, with a single coin graded higher. It would be safe to assume that this is one of the very finest known of the date. If you love white coins, with some of the highest certified grades, then you should have a field day with this collection, as many are offered.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000
- 1399 1885-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Both sides are evenly toned with a lilac and gold iridescence over luster. Well struck and well preserved too.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 1400 1885-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Without a breath of toning and scarce this nice. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$250-300

PCGS Graded MS-68 1886 Morgan



- 1401 1886. PCGS graded MS-68.** A stunning coin that is one of the very finest graded by PCGS. Blast white in color and absolutely resplendent in every way. PCGS has graded just 3 coins this high, with none graded higher. Certainly one of the finest known of this otherwise common date, but in this condition, a supreme rarity. Perfectly struck and preserved, and without a flaw.
Estimated Value \$10,000-12,000
- 1402 1886. PCGS graded MS-66.** A thin rainbow arc of toning is noted on the lower left obverse rim, satiny gold elsewhere on this coin, with vibrant luster.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1403 1886. Rainbow toned reverse. NGC graded MS-65.** The reverse of this one maintains the glorious color, but the obverse also has some blues and gold through Liberty's cap and back of her head. On the reverse we see deep blue and green on the lower right, changing to velvet purple, lighter blue through the eagle, Elvis red and lots of vibrant gold around. Further, these colors are on a gem coin. A common date in truly uncommon condition.
Estimated Value \$350-450
- 1404 1886. PCGS graded MS-65.** The upper left obverse is toned with a coin influenced shape as the rainbow hues are shaped in an arc. Deeper blue at the rim, lighter russet beneath, white elsewhere. Untoned on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$100-150
- 1405 1886. ICG graded MS-64.** Toned with irregular and iridescent blue and red on the reverse, and so mounted in the ICG holder. The obverse is white.
Estimated Value \$150-UP



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One of the Four Finest Graded 1886-S Morgan Dollars



- 1406 1886-S. PCGS graded MS-67.** Stark white in color with magnificent surfaces throughout. The strike is full and sharp, with no signs of weakness to be seen. Pushing the wonder coin definition back a bit, this one boasts a splendid cheek on Liberty, with virtually no signs of contact from other coins. Piled high with mint frost, and downright superb. *PCGS has graded just 4 coins this high, with none graded higher!* Therefore, we conclude that this is easily one of the very finest known, and is simply unimprovable.

Estimated Value \$15,000-18,000



- 1407 1886-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Hazy rose gold toning on the obverse, and sharp. In an old green insert PCGS holder.

Estimated Value \$350-400



- 1408 1887. 7 over 6. PCGS graded MS-64.** Pretty gold toning starting to form, and sharply struck by the dies. The overdate feature is visible with a glass. It is very difficult to hide a 6 under a 7! In an old green insert PCGS holder. *PCGS has graded 136 as such, with just 39 graded higher (all MS-65).*

Estimated Value \$600-700

- 1409 1887. 7 over 6. PCGS graded MS-64.** A brilliant untuned frosty mint example of this popular over-date variety. Quite scarce in this high grade. Housed in a first generation PCGS slab.

Estimated Value \$600-700



- 1410 1887. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Medium to dark gray with hints of purple and gold on the obverse, a bit darker on the reverse with blue overtones. Pristine surfaces for the grade, and no signs of distracting marks or ticks. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on June 20, 1945 for \$8.00.



- 1411 1887. PCGS graded MS-67.** Luscious white luster and completely without toning. In an old green insert PCGS holder. *PCGS has graded just 27 this high, with a single coin higher of this date. Nothing common about this one in superb gem grades.*

Estimated Value \$1,300-1,600



- 1412 1887. Rainbow toned obverse. PCGS graded MS-65.** Toned with stunning rich gold on the obverse and darker shades of blue and green on the left side and over Liberty's face. The reverse is bright and untuned. A gem that is greatly enhanced by the toning and certain to bring a strong premium for its radiant colors.

Estimated Value \$400-500

Silver Dollars

- 1413 1887. PCGS graded MS-65.** Gorgeous and rich colorful toning on both sides, especially on the obverse. Excellent surfaces too, keeping this one in the gem class for surfaces, as well as color! We expect this to bring more than just another average Morgan of this date.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 1414 1887. ICG graded MS-65.** Blazing white on the obverse, deeply toned on the reverse with blues and gold, the center on the eagle's breast white.
Estimated Value \$100-150
- 1415 1887. ICG graded MS-64.** The reverse is toned with spectacular rainbow hues on the right side, the obverse has a touch of gold.
Estimated Value \$100-150



- 1416 1887. Rainbow toned obverse. NGC graded MS-63.** Splendid vibrant gold at the date, warming to sky blue above through Liberty's neck and fields surrounding, into bright gold again, then deeper blue at the upper rim. A few bagmarks under the toning do not detract, given the stunning colors and ample luster. The reverse has a light ring of gold at the edge.
Estimated Value \$350-450



- 1417 1887-O. VAM-5, DDO Stars. NGC graded MS-65.** The double die obverse is very slight. Brilliant and white, with just a whisper of gold at the edge. A lovely gem. Listed as an R-5 in the Van Allen-Mallis reference work on the series. A rare date and especially rare as a variety, in fact this is the finest graded example seen by NGC of the variety, and the only MS-65 graded by that service of 205 coins seen! Hence, we recommend this one if you are a variety specialist in the Morgan dollar series.
Estimated Value \$2,000-UP
- 1418 1887-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** White luster on both sides and clean for the grade. One minor neck nick. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 1419 1887-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** Mottled deep gray, green and gold toning on the obverse only, the reverse white.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 1420 1887-O. VAM-5, DDO Stars. NGC graded MS-63.** A scarce example of the variety, frosty and white, with no signs of toning.
Estimated Value \$100-150
- 1421 1887-O and 1887-S. Lot of two grading Mint State 63 to 64.** Each is lightly toned.
Estimated Value \$400-500



- 1422 1887-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** Tied with a dozen others as the finest graded of this date by PCGS, we anticipate that this wonder white coin will bring a substantial slice of cash. Free of toning and slathered in luster. A rare opportunity to purchase one of the finest graded of any date.
Estimated Value \$5,000-7,000

- 1423 1887-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Beautiful light gold around the edge, and sharp. Reflective fields enhance contrast, making this coin quite desirable. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$300-400



- 1424 1888. PCGS graded Proof 64.** This is the very rare double date, as mentioned in Breen's Encyclopedia and Proof reference works. The date was first engraved a bit to the left, then corrected, and clear doubling is present on the 1 and first 8. Hazy gold toning on both sides and very clean for the grade. Free of spots or problem toning. Rare in this grade as a date, and much more expensive any nicer.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700
From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 9, 1945 for \$7.50.
- 1425 1888. ICG graded MS-65.** Deep blue and gold on the obverse, with the blue on the right, the gold on the left over rich luster. The reverse is white. A gem and quite appealing.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 1426 1888. NGC graded MS-65.** Deep gold and blue on the entire obverse, and on the upper third of the reverse. Excellent luster.
Estimated Value \$200-250

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- 1427 1888. NGC graded MS-65.** Gold and red on the obverse over rich luster. The reverse is white. A gem.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1428 1888. ANACS graded MS-65.** Deeply toned with umber gold fading to brown on the obverse, the reverse is white and untoned. Gem quality too.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1429 1888. ICG graded MS-65.** Spectacular toning through the back of the obverse, with rainbow hues with rich vibrancy, the balance is white.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1430 1888. NGC graded MS-65.** Deep gold and blue on the lower obverse, white on the top, the reverse still untoned.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1431 1888. NGC graded MS-65.** Irregular deep blue and gold toning on the lower obverse, wiggly shaped on the reverse rim. Mostly white, save for the deeply toned periphery. A gem.
Estimated Value \$115-135
- 1432 1888. PCGS graded MS-64.** Iridescent blue on the obverse and generally dark in color there, the reverse lighter with golden red highlights.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 1433 1888. PCGS graded MS-64.** Toned with rich gold and blue over the entire obverse, the reverse still white and untoned. A splendid coin for the grade, and still in an old PCGS green insert holder.
Estimated Value \$100-UP
- 1434 1888. PCGS graded MS-64.** Vibrant rainbow toning on the reverse, with organized colors on the lower right half, white on top. The obverse has some gold toning, but is mostly white. Exceptional vibrancy to the colors, making this one worth a strong price.
Estimated Value \$100-150
- 1435 1888. PCGS graded MS-64.** Toned on the obverse with gorgeous golds and greens with a small lighter area on the lower left, the reverse is white.
Estimated Value \$100-150
- 1436 1888. NGC graded MS-64.** Resplendent colors on the reverse of blue, gold and hot yellow red. The obverse is lightly toned with gold at the periphery. Nearly a gem.
Estimated Value \$100-150
- 1437 1888-O. ICG graded MS-65.** Vibrant green and blue on the left obverse, fading to reddish gold elsewhere, while the reverse is white. A deeply toned gem.
Estimated Value \$300-350



- 1438 1888-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Flashy white luster and satiny. A typical strike at the centers for the date and mint. Scarce, and mounted in an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$350-400

- 1439 1889. MS-60+.** Especially bright colors on both sides of this one, as well as some scattered handling marks.
Estimated Value \$30-40

From the Benson collection.

- 1440 1889 (7 pieces).** These grade from MS-60 to 64. Several are toned and all are beautiful. Lot of 7 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-250

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One of the Finest 1889-CC Morgan Dollars



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- 1441 1889-CC. PCGS graded MS-64 Deep Mirror Prooflike.** As a date, 1889-CC is the king of the Carson City Morgans. Most of the original mintage of 350,000 were melted under the Pittman Act of 1918, likely along with the 12 bags of 1895 Philadelphia coins. It would be reasonable to assume that only a single mint state bag survived with a total combined PCGS and NGC population reports showing 682 in mint state grades, mostly graded between MS-60 to 63. Many are prooflike, as seen here. This particular one is toned with lovely gold hues about both sides which help offset the mirror fields and well frosted devices. The effect produces the desirable cameo appearance that is so popular with collectors. Further, the fields and devices show minimal ticks from handling, and this one apparently just missed the full gem grade. PCGS has graded 16 in this grade, with just 3 graded higher, none of which are prooflike or deep mirror prooflike, making this one tied for the finest of that category. A foremost opportunity for the Morgan dollar specialist to lock away the classic "CC" rarity for their collection.

Estimated Value \$35,000-UP



- 1442 1889-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** Nearly a gem, this untoned Morgan boasts clean surfaces and undisturbed luster. Housed in an old green insert PCGS holder.

Estimated Value \$350-450

- 1443 1889-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** This one is bright, and parked in an old PCGS green insert holder.

Estimated Value \$250-300

Silver Dollars



- 1444 1890. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Blue-gray toning in the fields, frosty on the devices. The hairlines are numerous, but not deep, as expected for the grade.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 9, 1945 for \$10.50.



- 1445 1890. PCGS graded MS-65.** A condition rarity in this grade, the surfaces show a touch of gold on the lower right rim of the obverse, while the devices are heaped with frost. Clean surfaces and fields, and just the ticket for the specialist. PCGS reports 134 graded this high, with none graded higher, so don't go looking for a better one.

Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400

- 1446 1890 and 1890-S. Both are PCGS graded MS-64.** Further, both are in old green insert PCGS holders. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$200-250

- 1447 1890 (4 Pieces).** These grade from MS-60 to 63. Toned with beautiful colors on each side, well organized and vibrant. Good luster beneath, and nice surfaces for the grade on each. Lot of 4 coins.

Estimated Value \$120-150

From the Benson collection.



- 1448 1890-CC. PCGS graded MS-65.** Better surfaces than one might expect for a "65", and we see few signs of handling aside from minimal ticks. Great luster and color, with no toning whatsoever. PCGS has graded 126 as such, with a few more as PL and DMPL, with a scant 6 higher. Hence, a date which can hardly be bested for technical grade, and certainly not for surface and eye appeal. One of the tougher Carson City dates, and worthy of the finest set.

Estimated Value \$3,200-3,700



- 1449 1890-CC. PCGS graded MS-64.** A hint of gold on the obverse, and sharp. In an old green insert PCGS holder. Scarce this nice, and rare any better.

Estimated Value \$600-700



- 1450 1890-O. PCGS graded MS-66.** A condition rarity that is bested by none, and downright rare this nice. PCGS reports just 8 graded this high, with 2 others as Prooflike or DMPL, and none graded higher. Therefore, if you positively have to have the best available, then here is a coin you must own. Flaming white luster and nearly perfect surfaces. The strike too, is second to none, with the curls over Liberty's ear and the breast feathers as sharp as any seen of this date. Identifiable by a small planchet flake in the field above stars eleven and twelve. Expect a big price when this one crosses the block.

Estimated Value \$4,500-5,000

- 1451 1890-O. MS-64 Prooflike.** Well struck and totally white with excellent contrast between the fields and devices.

Estimated Value \$250-300

Silver Dollars



- 1452 1891. PCGS graded MS-65.** Another rare date in gem grades, as are all the 1889-95 issues. This particular one boasts mint fresh white luster with well struck devices. PCGS in the Population Report shows just 44 graded this high, none as PL or DMPL this high, and delightfully only 2 are graded higher. This is VAM-2, with the doubled ear and closed 9, which even a bit more punch to this knockout coin.
Estimated Value \$4,500-5,000



- 1453 1891. PCGS graded MS-64.** In an old small style PCGS holder, and still untuned. A scarce date this nice.
Estimated Value \$350-UP
- 1454 1891. NGC graded MS-64.** Glowing reddish gold on the obverse over hot luster, the reverse still white and untuned. A scarce date, and nearly a gem.
Estimated Value \$300-350



- 1455 1891-CC. PCGS graded MS-65.** A lovely gem example of this date, the surfaces awash in luster and the devices well frosted. In the old style small PCGS holder, which is seldom encountered much these days. Free of toning and value diminishing bagmarks, and just about as nice as the day it was coined.
Estimated Value \$1,600-1,800



- 1456 1891-CC. PCGS graded MS-64.** Sharp save for the hair over Liberty's ear and a few of the breast feathers, with light gold at the edge. Popular date and mint. Liberty's cheek is nice for the grade.
Estimated Value \$400-600



- 1457 1891-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** Satiny and bright, with scattered handling ticks. In an old green insert PCGS holder. PCGS has graded 632 this high, but just 38 higher, all MS-65.
Estimated Value \$350-UP
- 1458 1891-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Frosty white luster and with a whisper of toning on each side. A beauty that is in the old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1459 1891-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Hazy antique gold toning on the obverse, with abundant mint luster in the fields. The reverse is toned with a medium gold color and the surfaces are nice for the grade. Scarce in this state of preservation.
Estimated Value \$150-175

From the Benson collection.



- 1460 1892. PCGS graded MS-64.** Flatly struck especially at the periphery. In an old green insert PCGS holder, and flashy.
Estimated Value \$400-600
- 1461 1892. ICG graded MS-64.** Mostly white save for light gold at the rims. A scarce date. Weakly struck on some of the stars and peripheral devices.
Estimated Value \$300-400

Silver Dollars



- 1462 1892-CC. PCGS graded MS-65.** The brief tenure of the Carson City Mint was about to come to an end when this one was stamped. Coinage began in 1870, and by 1893 the Mint was closed, as the mountain of silver from the Comstock Mines began to play out. PCGS has graded 147 this high, with just 14 graded higher, making this one of the best coins available to represent this important and scarce date.
Estimated Value \$3,500-3,800



- 1463 1892-CC. PCGS graded MS-64.** Light gold on the obverse, darker gold and blue on the reverse. Sharp and well preserved.
Estimated Value \$900-1,200

Wonder Gem 1892-O Morgan Dollar



- 1464 1892-O. PCGS graded MS-66.** Flashy and untoned, with a super strike for this date (often found weak). The surfaces are superb, and show virtually no signs of contact. The luster and frost literally jump off this coin, and it looks like it was struck just today. No signs of toning or age. Only 1 bag turned up in 1977 according to Breen, but there seem to be a fair number of this date in lower mint state grades. In gem however, this date deserves the classic rarity status it has long held. PCGS has graded a meager 4 coins this high, with a single coin graded higher. Thus, if you are assembling a high end gem collection, and demand the finest available, then purchase this one!
Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000



- 1465 1892-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** A couple of scuffs on the cheek, but strong luster and delicate toning on the rims. Scarce this nice.
Estimated Value \$350-UP
- 1466 1892-O. NGC graded MS-64.** A frosty white specimen with remarkably clean surfaces.
Estimated Value \$350-400

Silver Dollars

Splendid Gem 1892-S



Enlarged



- 1467 1892-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Remarkably, this is the only MS-65 coin of this date graded by PCGS! There are 10 pieces which have been graded higher, and a few in lower mint state grades. No bags of mint state coins of this date turned up. While overshadowed by the 1893-S, the 1892-S deserves significant attention too. In particular, most of the mintage was melted, as happened to the 1893-S in the disastrous Pittman Act of 1918. Forget the mintage of 1,200,000, after the massive meltings it appears that less than one percent survive, perhaps far less than that. This coin boasts a light golden glaze of toning over very lustrous surfaces. The strike is sharp, with full hair over Liberty's ear, and excellent details on even the central breast feathers on the eagle. An exceptional opportunity to purchase one of the great rarities of the Morgan silver dollar series in full gem grade is not to be taken lightly. Once again, this collection offers many of the dates in extremely high grades, including the key dates, so bid wisely and well.
Estimated Value \$50,000-70,000



- 1468 1893. PCGS graded MS-64.** Great color and surfaces for the grade, one wonders why this one wasn't graded higher. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$1,000-UP



- 1469 1893-CC. MS-60+.** This coin is bright and flashy, but we note some hairlines in Liberty's chin. The fields are reflective, and the reverse is especially nice. One of the truly rare dates, and expensive in any grade, especially in Mint State. Check this one out to see if it would fit in your album today.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

Silver Dollars

Monumental PCGS MS-64 1893-S Morgan



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- 1470 1893-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** The rarest and most desired date in the entire Morgan Dollar series, save for the proof only 1895. No bags of mint state coins were found, and the few mint state coins survived simply by a matter of chance. *PCGS has graded a total of just 25 in various mint state grades!* Even in About Uncirculated grades this date is surprisingly rare. When one considers the countless date sets being assembled by collectors throughout the world, it doesn't take long to see that this is always going to be "the" classic date to own in as high a grade as one can afford. In a near gem grade as offered, PCGS has graded just 3 coins as MS-64, with 6 graded higher. This particular specimen has excellent flash and a hint of gold toning on both sides. The fields are slightly prooflike, and the coin dances with the familiar "spin" peculiar to Morgan silver dollars. At first glance, one would expect this to be another gem example of a common date, but when the magnitude of 1893-S settles in, one must look on this coin with the reverence that a great rarity deserves. Close examination confirms that the die line is present at the top of the T in LIBERTY, and apparently only a single obverse die was used to coin these, despite 10 obverses shipped to San Francisco that year. Most of the mint state examples turned up in a bag of 1894-S dollars, and these were discovered about 1952 in Great Falls, Montana. Here at the Goldberg's, we are always proud to offer our clients the finest rarities for their collections, and with this fantastic example of the classic 1893-S Morgan dollar, this tradition continues. After all, this is *the* great rarity of the most popular series in American numismatics.
- Estimated Value \$75,000-UP

Silver Dollars



- 1471 1893-S. PCGS graded EF-45.** A wonderful problem-free example of this key date Morgan. Just some honest friction on the high points as this coin must have slipped into circulation for a short while. Lightly toned with some traces of luster still adhering to the protected areas of the devices. Rarely seen like this as most examples of such limited wear get cleaned to death and pass on as a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$4,000-4,500



- 1472 1894. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Bright with just a whisper of gold toning on either side, the surfaces remain pristine for a proof, with no marks, ticks or hairlines worthy of note. 972 were struck in proof, most of which were mishandled over the years. This one is still superb, and PCGS agrees. In the PCGS Population Report we note 27 have been graded as PR-65, with 14 graded higher of this date.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500
From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 29, 1945 for \$11.00.

One of the Finest Known 1894-O Morgan Dollars



- 1473 1894-O. PCGS graded MS-65.** Although this date was known to turn up in the Treasury releases, circa 1963, very few were found in higher mint state grades. This particular example has blazing mint luster in the fields and full and complete frost and no signs of toning aside from a light haze on the obverse. We note one minor scrape on Liberty's face which begins behind her nose and moves a short distance down towards the junction of her jaw where her hair resides. Remarkably, the PCGS Population Report shows only 6 graded this high, with none graded higher, similar at NGC where they report 2 graded this high, with none graded higher. Thus, it is reasonable to assume that this is one of the very finest known of this date, certainly in the top 10 which all qualify as MS-65 by today's rigorous standards. An important and unusual opportunity to purchase this very rare date in full gem condition.
Estimated Value \$30,000-35,000



- 1474 1894-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Fresh from a mint bag, this one has great luster and clean surfaces that show no signs of toning or cleaning. Rare any better, and downright scarce this nice. PCGS has graded 412 as MS-64, with 74 higher.
Estimated Value \$1,000-UP

Silver Dollars

PCGS Graded MS-64 1895-O Morgan Dollar



- 1475 1895-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** As a date, 1895-O is one of the condition rarities of the Morgan silver dollar series. Unlike virtually every other date, no bag of these turned up in mint state. Hence very few were saved at the time of issue, and virtually the entire mintage circulated. PCGS, after 15 years of grading coins, has only graded a total of 103 in various mint state grades, most at the lower end of the grade range. Yet, here is a near gem for your set. The surfaces are white, with no signs of toning and the luster is full. As always for the date, there is minor weakness on the curl over Liberty's ear and on the breast, although all the feathers do show, they are not struck up to the fullest extent possible. PCGS has graded only 8 this high, with 7 graded higher, confirming the tremendous rarity of the date. As we know, the Morgan silver dollar series is one of the most popular dates sets collected. Most dates are available in any grade desired, but the key dates, such as the 1895-O have tremendous pricing pressure on them, as there are simply not enough coins to go around for the collectors desiring one. Careful review of the PCGS Population Report will confirm that 1895-O is one of the great rarities of the series, especially in high mint state grades. We heartily recommend purchasing this coin if you are a serious collector, as high grade examples are rarely offered. In searching through *United States Small Cents-Silver Dollars, Significant Auction Records* by Dannreuther & Garrett (a summary of all coins auctioned which brought more than \$500) for the years 1995 through June 2000 we note that *only one single example was offered that is PCGS graded MS-64, that in 1995.* Needless to say, waiting for the next one could take another 7 years if this is the grade you desire.

Estimated Value \$40,000-50,000

Frosty Gem Proof 1896 Morgan Dollar



- 1476 1896. PCGS graded Proof 66.** Deeply frosted on the obverse devices, with blast white centers and a ring of gold at the periphery. The reverse is more mottled, with smoky light gold and yellow hues. Especially clean surfaces that show no signs of handling or abuse. PCGS has graded 21 this high, with 21 graded higher from the original mintage of 762.

Estimated Value \$4,000-4,500

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl's auction on November 23, 1945 for \$12.00.

- 1477 1896. PCGS graded MS-66.** Bright white and well preserved surfaces, in fact this is one of the finest of this date. PCGS has graded 265 this high, with just 8 graded higher, so don't wait for a better one, they may be all tied up.

Estimated Value \$400-425



- 1478 1896. NGC graded MS-66.** Toned on both sides with magnificent blue at the rims, sunset gold too, and lilac and gold elsewhere. Further, the surfaces are superb, with nary a tick to be found. Certainly a common date, but this one is all dressed up for the big prom.

Estimated Value \$350-450

- 1479 1896. ICG graded MS-65.** Gold and blue iridescent color on the obverse, the reverse untuned. A gem.

Estimated Value \$100-150

Silver Dollars



- 1480 1896. Rainbow toned obverse. PCGS graded MS-64.** Deep dazzling colors span the entire obverse of this jewel, with colors as complex as any seen. Overall the colors are richer and darker on this coin than the others from this group, but the luster is in no way diminished. One pie shaped area of gold from the end of the date to the ear, a lighter band through Liberty's temple to the top of her ear and across to the rim, splashes of ocean bay blue on Liberty's mouth and chin, and elsewhere. Another coin to view in person or on the website in color at goldbergcoins.com. The reverse is frosty and white, with a splash of gold at the bottom. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250

- 1481 1896 Morgan silver dollar error, planchet lamination reverse. PCGS graded MS-64 Mint Error, Laminated Planchet Rev.** Bright and untuned, this Morgan has a long section missing from the upper right reverse, from the rim over OF to AM, taking the ends of the three last wings feathers too. This is a much larger than average lamination, which slightly weakened the obverse strike too, at the opposing area.
Estimated Value \$150-200

Golden Toned Gem 1896-S



Enlarged



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- 1482 1896-S. PCGS graded MS-66.** Perhaps a single bag of these turned up in the Treasury releases of the 1960s, and very few mint state one have been located. PCGS has graded less than 1,000 of these in mint state, and in gem condition of MS-65 and above, just 35 coins. In lofty grades like this MS-66 coin, PCGS has graded precisely 2 pieces, and 2 have been graded higher. This particular one is toned with golden hues on the obverse, and hazy gold on the reverse, but the coin remains extremely flashy and lustrous. Well struck and nearly free of the bagmarks that usually are found. A super gem for the specialist who demands the finest.
Estimated Value \$27,000-UP

Silver Dollars



- 1483 1896-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** A scarce coin to find this nice, and this one is very choice. We note one small toned area above Liberty's ear and a touch more on the reverse, otherwise blast white luster and flashy.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700



- 1484 1897. PCGS graded Proof 64.** With a mintage of 731 in Proof, this was a scarce issue from the date it was coined. As to the surfaces, they show some hairlines and are toned a bluish gray color with darker shades at the periphery. Grade wise, this one is at the mid range, with PCGS reporting 38 so graded, 48 graded higher. Well struck and preserved.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700
From the Benson collection and purchased privately from B. Max Mehl on July 29, 1945 for \$17.25.

- 1485 1897; 1898-O; 1900; and 1900-O. Each of these Morgan dollars is PCGS graded MS-64.** The 1898-O has delicate gold toning at the rims, as the 1900-O is also starting to tone. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$125-175



- 1486 1897-O. NGC graded MS-64.** Here is one of the finest graded by NGC of this rare date. NGC has graded 22 this high (including the prooflikes) and only 5 higher, to give the bidders some indication of how rare this date is in near gem grades. This one is very well struck including the breast feathers and even the curls over Liberty's ear, and the fields are quite satiny. A hint of gold at the rims, and otherwise stark white in color.
Estimated Value \$6,000-7,000



- 1487 1897-O. PCGS graded MS-63.** As nice as this date is usually found, most are in much lower grades. Less than 800 have been graded in Mint State by PCGS, so don't take even this choice coin for granted. PCGS has graded 106 this high, with a mere 30 graded higher in various mint state grades. Satiny with just a hint of toning. As always, there is some minor weakness on the high points of the design.
Estimated Value \$2,500-2,800

- 1488 1897-O. NGC graded AU-58.**
Estimated Value \$150-200

- 1489 1897-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Fresh from a mint bag, this gem will certainly satisfy most collectors for its brilliant white flash and clean surfaces. An impressive example of this common date.
Estimated Value \$350-400

- 1490 1897-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Nearly a grade higher, and toned with light gold on the obverse and reverse.
Estimated Value \$75-100



- 1491 1898. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Well frosted on the devices and lightly toned with putty gray shades in the fields. Moderate hairlines are seen in the delicate mirror fields, as nearly always, accounting for the grade as no other surface ticks of consequence are present. A mid range proof with plenty of eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 9, 1945 for \$10.00 as "Brilliant Proof. Gem."

Silver Dollars



- 1492 1898-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Satiny with hazy white luster and clean for the grade. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$350-450
- 1493 1899. PCGS graded MS-64.** Clean surfaces for the conservative grade assigned. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$125-175
- 1494 1899-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** Resplendent toning on both sides with deep vibrant blue at the periphery, lighter gold and red at the centers, with one light streak on the obverse, where something disturbed the colors. The reverse is toned with deep blue green in the fields with some mottled grey areas too.
Estimated Value \$150-200

One of the Finest Graded 1899-S Morgans



- 1495 1899-S. PCGS graded MS-67.** A stunning coin that is one of the very finest graded of this date. PCGS in their Population Report notes just 6 graded this high, with one additional coin as Prooflike, and none are graded higher! Creamy white luster and near perfect fields, the only marks we could locate of any consequence were trivial ones under ME of AMERICA, while the face, cheek, hair and eagle are all clean for the grade. Don't pass this one over without a look, as you won't find anything close to its equal without years of searching.
Estimated Value \$8,000-12,000



- 1496 1899-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** This one must have just missed an MS-65 grade some years ago when it was sent in, Liberty's face and cheek are very clean for the grade, and same with the reverse. We see one minor tick on the eagle's breast, but this shouldn't have kept it from a gem grade. Rare and desirable in this state of preservation.
Estimated Value \$350-450



- 1497 1900-O. O over CC. PCGS graded MS-64 Premium Quality.** This coin is really nice for the grade, with clean surfaces and cheek on Liberty. Brilliant white luster on both sides, and we note that it resides in an old style PCGS green insert holder.
Estimated Value \$500-UP



- 1498 1900-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Fresh from a mint bag, this coin boasts abundant luster and gem surfaces. Well struck too, with sharp feathers on the eagle and curls over Liberty's ear.
Estimated Value \$950-1,050
- 1499 1900-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Nice face on Liberty, with no distracting marks on her cheek. Bright white and still mounted in a small PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$250-300

Silver Dollars



- 1500 1901. PCGS graded Proof 64.** Nice contrast between the fields and devices, and without toning for the most part. Minor hairlines. PCGS has graded 62 of these as PR-64, with 32 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$1,600-1,800

From the Benson collection and purchased from Hollinbeck Company on December 8, 1945 as lot 992 for \$9.50.



- 1501 1901. PCGS graded MS-63.** What happened to all the 1901 Mint State dollars? Glancing at the PCGS Population Report shows a plunge in the number graded as you scroll down to the date 1901. Obviously, no bags were found stuffed with prooflike Morgans of this date. Further, few were saved, the turn of the century cluster of 1900 coins had been held aside, but no one wanted a plain old 1901. In addition, and no big hoards have turned up. PCGS, for all its years of grading, has only churned out 42 graded this high, and get this, just 15 graded higher! Waiting for a gem could take decades, if one could be located, much less if you could afford the asking price! Thus, we are proud to offer this delightful example for our friends and clients, as any who know this date well will be certain to regard it for what it is, a great rarity in uncirculated grades.
Estimated Value \$7,000-9,000

- 1502 1901-O, 1902-O and 1904-O. Each of these is PCGS graded MS-64.** Each is frosty and white, and all reside in the old green insert PCGS holders. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$100-125

- 1503 1901-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** A rare date to find any better than this grade, and hard enough to locate as MS-64! Strong luster and well struck for the date, we note good feathers on the eagle's breast. White, save for a touch of gold at the rims.
Estimated Value \$600-700

- 1504 1902 and 1903. Both are PCGS graded MS-64.** A lovely pair from Philadelphia, with the 1902 scarce in this grade. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$125-150

- 1505 1902-O (2 pieces). Both grade MS-62.** Delicate gold toning on both. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$30-40

From the Benson collection.



- 1506 1902-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Frosty and bright, with no signs of toning on this scarce gem. It is well struck at the centers, and very appealing. PCGS in their Population Report note 132 graded this high, with a scant 16 graded higher. Gems of this date are seldom seen.

Estimated Value \$1,700-1,800



- 1507 1902-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** One of the scarce later mint-marked issues. PCGS notes 698 graded this high, with 147 graded higher. Satiny and white, with a breath of toning. In an old green insert PCGS holder. Clean cheek on Liberty and just a few widely scattered reeding marks.

Estimated Value \$400-500

Silver Dollars



- 1508 1903. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Smoky gray toning on both sides and struck in the all mirror finish peculiar to 1902-03. Philadelphia coined 755 in 1903, most of which were mishandled over the decades.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl privately on July 29, 1945 for \$20.00.

- 1509 1903. PCGS graded MS-65.** Mottled green and blue on the obverse, with some silver luster shining through, and the reverse still white.

Estimated Value \$150-200

- 1510 1903. ICG graded MS-64.** Deep gold and red and likely from storage in a Kraft envelope on the obverse, the reverse untuned.

Estimated Value \$150-200

- 1511 1903-O. PCGS graded MS-64.** In a small PCGS holder, and this one is certainly very nice for the grade assigned.

Estimated Value \$250-300

- 1512 1903-O. Lot of 2. Both grade MS-64.** Both examples are very choice. One with delicate golden peripheral toning. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$475-525



- 1513 1904. PCGS graded Proof 63.** Hazy gray toning with gold at the edges on this scarce proof issue. Mintages were light in 1904 for proofs; 650. These were struck in the all mirror finish with reflective devices as well as fields. Scattered hairlines and lightly toned with golden hues in the fields surrounding the devices.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl on July 29, 1945 for \$21.00.



- 1514 1904. PCGS graded MS-64.** Bright and untuned, with lots of luster in the fields. Especially nice on the reverse, the obverse has a few small ticks accounting for the grade. In an old green insert PCGS holder.

Estimated Value \$350-UP

- 1515 1904. MS-63.** Iridescent peripheral toning on both sides and frosty and original.

Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 for \$2.50.



- 1516 1921 Zerbe. PCGS graded Proof 64.** One of the rare proofs from the 1920s when the Philadelphia Mint eliminated proof coinage for several years before and after this issue. This one is toned a medium gunmetal gray with blue highlights in the fields. It is believed that 200 were struck in Proof, and many were mishandled over the years. PCGS notes 22 graded this high with 20 graded higher. A rare opportunity. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from B. Max Mehl probably from a 1944-46 sale, lot number 508 with envelope included.

- 1517 1921. SEGS graded MS-63 VAM-1, So-Called Zerbe Dies.** These were the dies (apparently) that struck the Zerbe proofs in 1921, but this is a mint state coin. Delicate gold toning.

Estimated Value \$400-500

- 1518 1921 lot of 15 pieces. These grade MS-60 to 64.** A couple are toned, but most are bright white. Lot of 15 coins.

Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection.

- 1519 1921 (2 pieces), 1921-D and 1921-S. Both grade MS-60 to 64.** We note lovely toning on each in this group. Lot of 4 coins.

Estimated Value \$60-70

From the Benson collection, and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 9, 1945 at face value.

Silver Dollars

- 1520 1921-D (2 pieces).** Both are PCGS graded MS-64. Further we note both are in an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$100-125



- 1521 1921-S.** PCGS graded MS-65. Gorgeous frosty and white, with excellent surfaces throughout. PCGS has graded 197 this high, with just 12 higher, making this certainly one of the better examples of this date. Important as such.
Estimated Value \$750-1,000

Rare Off Center Morgan Silver Dollar



- 1522 Way off center Morgan silver dollar, no date.** SEGS graded AU-55. This one is about 25 percent off center towards the date, so no digits show at all, but it was coined in Philadelphia. Minor hairlines in the fields, and we suspect this may have been briefly carried as a pocket piece. Some luster remains, and well struck on the devices that show. All Morgan silver dollar errors are rare and seldom encountered, especially one that is so dramatic. Certain to the centerpiece of a specialized error collection.
Estimated Value \$9,000-UP

- 1523 A group of PCGS graded Morgan dollars.** These are all PCGS graded MS-64 and the dates are as follows: 1879-S; 1880-S; 1883; 1885; 1885-O; 1888-O; 1890-O; 1896; 1898; 1899-O; 1899-O Prooflike and 1921. We note that these are all very old small PCGS holders, which are seldom encountered these days. A few have light toning, but most are bright. An investors delight. Lot of 12 coins.
Estimated Value \$500-UP

- 1524 A group of slabbed Morgan silver dollars.** These grade from AU-58 to MS-64 and are graded by various grading services. Lot of 19 coins.
Estimated Value \$300-350

- 1525 A group of 8 Morgan dollars.** This group includes 1880, 1881-S, 1883-O, 1885-O, 1884-O, 1899-O (2 pieces) and 1900-O, and grades range from AU-55 to MS-64. Some are toned, but all are nice coins from the Benson collection.
Estimated Value \$175-250

From the Benson collection.

Peace Dollars



- 1526 1921.** PCGS graded MS-65. Brilliant luster in the fields and fairly well struck for this high relief design. A touch of gold is starting to form on the rims, and the surfaces are very nice indeed. An important one year type coin.
Estimated Value \$1,300-1,600
- 1527 1921.** PCGS graded MS-64. Satiny gold toning on both sides and well struck by the dies, in fact we note doubling on Liberty's nose, chin and neck, as well as elements of the date and LIBERTY. One old reeding mark on Liberty's neck from a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$300-350

From the Benson collection.

A Nine Coin 1921 Peace Dollar PCGS Grading Set

- 1528 1921 A nine piece grading set, EF-45 to MS-65.** This group is all PCGS graded, and makes a perfect grading set for understanding coin grading, as well as the eye appeal issues on all United States coins. The following 1921 Peace dollars are included, all PCGS graded as follows: MS-65; MS-64; MS-63; MS-62; MS-61; MS-60; AU-58; AU-55 and XF-45. A few show some toning, but most are bright. Lot of 9 coins.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

- 1529 1921, 1927 and 1934.** All grade about MS-63 or so. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$300-350

- 1530 1922.** PCGS graded MS-63. Resplendent gold toning on the obverse and also on the reverse with colors unusually rich and vibrant. This is no ordinary 1922 Peace dollar, to be sure.
Estimated Value \$100-150

- 1531 1922 (4 pieces).** These grade MS-60 to 64. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection.

Silver Dollars

- 1532 1922-D. PCGS graded MS-65.** Lilac and gold on both sides with a hazy appearance over luster. Well struck and very well preserved.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 1533 1922-D. PCGS graded MS-65.** Iridescent toning on both sides, with a slightly darker streak through the obverse.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 1534 1922-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Great toning on the obverse of this one, with dancing golds and greens that come alive with the luster beneath. The reverse is white.
Estimated Value \$50-75

- 1535 1922-D (2 pieces) and 1922-S. These grade MS-60 to 60+.** Choice gold toning on the periphery and strong luster on each. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$60-70

From the Benson collection.

- 1536 1923 (10 pieces). These grade MS-60 to 64.** A nice group. Lot of 10 coins.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection.

- 1537 1923 (10 pieces). These grade MS-60 to 64.** Most have some toning. Lot of 10 coins.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection.

- 1538 1923 (3 pieces). These grade MS-63 to 65.** Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$60-80

From the Benson collection.

- 1539 1923-D and 1923-S. Both grade MS-60+.** Good luster and nicely toned, but there is a peripheral scratch on the left obverse on the S Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection.

- 1540 1923-S. ICG graded MS-64.** Bright and flashy, with just a few minor ticks in the fields and on the devices.
Estimated Value \$75-100

- 1541 1924 and 1925. The 1924 grades EF-45 and the 1925 grades MS-63.** Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$20-25

From the Benson collection.

- 1542 1924-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Highly original and very nice for the moderate grade assigned, with decent surfaces and delicate toning.
Estimated Value \$225-300

From the Benson collection.



- 1543 1925. ICG graded MS-66.** Toned with mottled gold on the obverse, the reverse bright and fresh. Excellent surfaces too.
Estimated Value \$400-450

- 1544 1925-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Lovely gold toning on the obverse, with abundant luster on both sides. We note minor doubling on the neck and some of the peripheral lettering on the obverse.
Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection.



- 1545 1926. PCGS graded MS-66.** A splendid satiny white gem.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

- 1546 1926. PCGS graded MS-65.** Mottled tan and hazy toning on both sides, with abundant luster throughout. Gemmy surfaces that show few ticks on either side.
Estimated Value \$200-225

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 for \$1.25.

- 1547 1926. PCGS graded MS-65.** Flashy and bright, with just a hint of obverse haze. This one is housed in an old small style PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$180-220

- 1548 1926. PCGS graded MS-63.** This one is downright nice for the grade assigned with lovely gold toning on the obverse.
Estimated Value \$40-45

From the Benson collection and purchased around 1944-6 for \$1.25.

Silver Dollars



- 1549 1926-D. NGC graded MS-65 Premium Quality.** Vibrant white luster and well struck for the date. Creamy in texture, and a rare coin this nice, as most show many bagmarks, not so here, the surfaces are well preserved and show minimal handling. With a trace of hazy toning around the rims, but generally blast white.
Estimated Value \$400-UP

- 1550 1926-D. MS-63.** Good luster but this one may have been lightly cleaned in the past.
Estimated Value \$70-90

From the Benson collection.

- 1551 1926-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** Especially bright and lustrous, with epic surfaces for this date. PCGS in their Population Report show just 220 graded this high, with a meager 18 graded higher. In an old small style PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$500-600

- 1552 1926-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Lightly toned and a choice example of this scarce date.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection.

- 1553 1927. PCGS graded MS-64.** Flashy and bright, with strong luster and an average strike.
Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson collection.

- 1554 1927-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** Hazy toning over flashy luster. This one is clean for the grade.
Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection.

- 1555 1927-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Toned with a fine grain pattern on both sides with strong luster in the fields. Scattered light marks, none worthy of note. Downright rare a notch better, and scarce enough in this grade.
Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection.

- 1556 1928. MS-60.** This one may have been cleaned in the distant past, and we note faint lines on the surfaces, plus a small speck was removed left of the 1 in the date.
Estimated Value \$125-175

From the Benson collection.



- 1557 1928-S. ICG graded MS-64.** This one has nice coppery gold toning on both sides. Minor ticks from gem, and not all that sharp, as usual for this Mint.
Estimated Value \$600-800



- 1558 1928-S. NGC graded MS-64.** Delicately toned and very choice.
Estimated Value \$500-600



- 1559 1928-S. ICG graded MS-64.** Flashy, and with a touch of iridescent toning at the rims. A tough date for the collector to obtain.
Estimated Value \$500-600

- 1560 1928-S. PCGS graded MS-62.** A few scuffs from choice.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection.

- 1561 1934. PCGS graded MS-65.** Great color and surfaces for this date, with blazing luster subdued by a light streaky haze.
Estimated Value \$450-525

- 1562 1934. MS-60.** A few hairlines.
Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection.

- 1563 1934-D. NGC graded MS-64.** This one is much nicer than the grade implies, the surfaces are quite free of marks, and the luster dances on the both sides. Fully struck and still white. An opportunity for the date collector.
Estimated Value \$300-350

Silver Dollars

- 1564 1934-D. AU-55.** Most of the original luster in present, as well as light gold toning.
Estimated Value \$30-35

From the Benson collection.



- 1565 1934-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** This is one of the key dates to the Peace dollar series. Rarely are any found in gem condition. In fact, PCGS has graded 92 this high, with just 14 graded higher (all MS-66) making this one of the best to survive. This particular coin has flashy gold and green hues around the periphery, and is brighter on the reverse. We note two small reeding marks on the back of the neck, while Liberty's face is quite fresh and clean. Well struck for this date, and a gem for the advanced numismatist.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000

From the Benson collection.



- 1566 1934-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Bright luster and without toning on either side. If you love glowing luster, then here's one for your collection. A few ticks from a higher grade, but the surfaces are still nicer than many for the grade assigned. The key date of the Peace dollar series.
Estimated Value \$1,600-1,800



- 1567 1934-S. NGC graded MS-61.** A frosty white specimen with no serious marks worthy of mention. Popular key date to the series.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,200

- 1568 1935. MS-62.** Clean fields and yellow luster.
Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection.

- 1569 1935-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Another bright and flashy coin, as was the consignor's preference. Great luster with just a hint of natural haze. A decent strike for this date, and well preserved in an old small style PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$275-325

- 1570 1935-S. MS-60.** A bit baggy, but the toning is really nice.
Estimated Value \$100-125

From the Benson collection.

- 1571 A Certified Peace dollar lot.** This lot contains the following: 1922 ICG graded MS-64 (2 pieces); 1922-S PCI graded MS-62; 1923 NGC graded MS-64; 1923 ICG graded MS-64; 1923-S ANACS graded MS-63; 1924 SEGS graded MS-64; 1925 ANACS graded MS-63 and 1935 ANACS graded MS-63. Lot of 9 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-200

A Peace Dollar Set from 1921 to 1935-S all PCGS MS-64.

- 1572 A PCGS Certified set of Peace silver dollars, 1921-1935-S.** All are PCGS graded MS-64. We note that several of the coins are premium quality and most are in the old green insert PCGS holders. In particular, most of the coins are white and untuned, with just a few showing some light toning. Flashy luster on all, and many were chosen for their especially clean faces on Liberty, and clean fields. The 1934-S is especially bright and nice. We note a slightly weak strike on the 1921 at the center, but the surfaces are really nice. A great set to purchase and put away, or to work with and upgrade. Lot of 24 coins.
Estimated Value \$7,500-UP

Silver Dollars

Eisenhower Dollars



- 1573 1973-S. PCGS graded Proof 68.** Toned with stunning dark blue in rings around the periphery, and fading to gold then yellow tones towards the center, with an untuned area on Eisenhower's neck. Similar on the reverse, with vibrant blue, gold, more blue, rust, and gold tones in rings around the edge, bright at the center on the eagle. A superb coin too, with a near perfect PR-68 grade from PCGS, and in an old green insert holder, the type that was used about ten years ago by PCGS. If you love toned wonder coins, and missed out on the jewel we offered a few sales ago, then here is another opportunity to buy a spectacular toned example. This is the rare low mintage date in silver, which has always brought a good premium over more common date proofs. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$500-UP
- 1574 1974-S. PCGS graded Proof 69 Deep Cameo.** One of the finest graded, and this one has gorgeous toning on both the obverse and reverse. PCGS reports 497 graded as such, with just 10 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1575 A group of slabbed Ike Dollars.** These range from 1971-S to 1977-S, the coins are all slabbed by various services grading both choice uncirculated to gem proof. Lot of 12 coins.
Estimated Value \$100-125
- 1576 Eisenhower Dollar collection, 1971-1978-S, Uncs and Proofs.** This set includes the silver issues, the proof issues and the type I and type II 1976 issues. All are mounted in a brown Dansco coin album. Lot of 32 coins.
Estimated Value \$125-150

Susan B Anthony Dollars

- 1577 A Susan B. Anthony Dollar collection with duplicates.** An extensive variety set of this series, mounted in a custom Capital Plastics white holder of 15 coins with the varieties too, plus additional coins (26 pieces) and a first day stamp and cover with an SBA dollar included. These grade Uncirculated to Proof. Lot of 42 coins.
Estimated Value \$250-300
- 1578 A collection of Susan B. Anthony Dollars, and 3 Sacagawea dollars.** The Susan B. Anthony dollars include the varieties from 1979 to 1981, and the 3 Sacagawea dollars from 2000, grades from Mint State to Proof. Mounted in a brown Dansco album. Lot of 21 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 1579 A group of Susan B. Anthony and Sacagawea Dollars, all slabbed.** This lot includes both 1979-S Type I and II, and 1981-S Type I and II; 1979-S Type II is PCGS PR-68 Deep Cameo; the 1981-S Type II is PCGS PF-68 Deep Cameo; the balance will grade MS-65 to PR-69, mostly PCGS slabs; Sacagawea 2000-P NGC MS-67 (3 pieces) and Sacagawea 2000-D NGC MS-67 (2 pieces). Lots of great trading and selling material here. Lot of 29 coins.

Estimated Value \$250-350

End of Session

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SESSION THREE
Tuesday, February 19, 2002
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Commemorative Coins

Commemorative Silver Coins



- 1580 1893 Isabella Quarter Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Sharply struck and with magnificent blue and rose toning on both sides. A no nonsense gem that is about as perfect as a collector could hope to find.
Estimated Value \$1,800-2,000



- 1581 1893 Isabella Quarter Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** Sharply struck by the dies and without any signs of toning. Abundant luster and well preserved, with few signs of handling. A classic example for the numismatist of this near gem grade.
Estimated Value \$650-750



- 1582 1893 Isabella Quarter Dollar. NGC graded MS-64.** Excellent quality for the grade, the surfaces are toned with lilac and gold over luster, and the strike is sharp. Nearly a gem, but a much lower cost, and certainly with all the eye appeal one could want.
Estimated Value \$650-700

- 1583 1893 Isabella Quarter Dollar. AU-55.** This one has been cleaned and retuned with vibrant blue and gold hues on both sides. We note a touch of wear on the high points. Still quite appealing, and the reflective surfaces were called "proof" when it was purchased in 1944.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on February 26, 1944 for \$4.00 as "proof".



- 1584 1921 Alabama Half Dollar, with 2 x 2. NGC graded MS-66.** A superb, totally white frosty mint gem. One of the most difficult to obtain commems in such high grade.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500



- 1585 1921 Alabama Half Dollar, with 2 x 2. PCGS graded MS-64 Premium Quality.** Mint fresh luster in the fields and toned with splashes of gold and light blue on the obverse, the reverse with a central yellow drop on the eagle. Only 6,006 of these were struck, and few remain in high grade like this.
Estimated Value \$700-800

- 1586 1921 Alabama Half Dollar, with 2 x 2. MS-63.** Lightly toned over luster.
Estimated Value \$350-450



- 1587 1921 Alabama Half Dollar, no 2 x 2. PCGS graded MS-64 Premium Quality.** Good luster under the tawny blue and hazy gold toning. Well struck by the dies, and we note a scattering of ticks on both sides.
Estimated Value \$600-700



- 1588 1921 Alabama Half Dollar, no 2 x 2. NGC graded MS-64.** Strong luster and with beautiful peripheral toning. Minor ticks and some weakness on the center of the eagle, as usual.
Estimated Value \$450-550

Commemorative Coins

- 1589 1921 Alabama Half Dollar, no 2 x 2. PCGS graded AU-58.** Glorious toning, with a hint of rub.
Estimated Value \$125-150

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

- 1590 1936 Albany Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** Satiny luster and delicately toned on both sides. Some deeper gold at the edges. Another very clean coin for the grade.
Estimated Value \$300-400

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1591 1936 Albany Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Golden toning on both sides and quite lustrous.
Estimated Value \$300-400



- 1592 1936 Albany Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Flecks of gold toning on both sides and exceptionally clean surfaces. Glowing luster in the fields, and nicely struck on the beaver.
Estimated Value \$300-400



- 1593 1936 Albany Half Dollar (4 pieces).** Each of these grades **MS-66 or better**. We are proud to offer a small hoard of superbly toned *original* commemorative half dollars. Coins from this group include the original cardboard holder which was used to ship the coins safely through the mail, and if the coins were left in these holders, as seen here, magnificent toning slowly appeared on the surfaces. **The cardboard holder grades Very Fine or better, and shows few signs of wear or handling.** Remarkably, these commemorative half dollars were put away since their time of issue, kept in the cardboard holders and allowed to tone without interruption for decades. Today we have stunning deep gold and flecks of darker hues on one side of each coin in this lot, the other side is toned with the familiar "tab" toning from the cardboard tab that held the coin in place. A small amount of sulfur in the cardboard holder (probably part of the paper making process) causes silver coins to tone, as well as exposure to the air (just look at any silver pieces around the house, and try keeping them bright). Over many years, magnificent colors can appear, as seen on the Benson coins or on these commemorative half dollars, and these "toned" coins can bring significant premiums depending on the organization and vibrancy of the toning hues.
Estimated Value \$1,800-UP

- 1594 1937 Antietam Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Gold and green toning around the periphery of this one, with good luster beneath, and steel gray at the centers. We note one reeding mark in the field near McClellan's nose. A beauty.
Estimated Value \$450-550

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

Commemorative Coins



- 1595 1935 Arkansas Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Vibrant green and gold around the edge, with all the colors especially vibrant. More toning on the obverse than the reverse, where we note a bright white center, and radiant peripheral hues. In an old green insert PCGS holder. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$500-UP

- 1596 1935 Arkansas Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Bathed in lilac toning over luster, with darker gold at the edge. A few chatter marks on the Indian from a higher grade, but Liberty's face is generally mark free.
Estimated Value \$120-140

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1597 1935-D Arkansas Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Vivid rainbow tones encircle the peripheries on both sides.
Estimated Value \$300-400



- 1598 1936 Arkansas Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** This one appears to have the original toning that is seen from the holder of issue, as 10 times examination notes the crackle surface in the gold hues. Deeper at the rims, and lighter silver at the centers. Not that well struck up on the central reverse, as usual.
Estimated Value \$150-200



- 1599 1937 Arkansas Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Lilac and gold toning on both sides, and super clean surfaces. Excellent luster and well struck, all one could hope for in this issue.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500



- 1600 1937-D Arkansas Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Hazy gold toning over lustrous fields and devices. Sharply struck and rarely found this nice. An impressive example for the specialist in this series.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500



- 1601 1937-S Arkansas Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Peripheral gold toning and sharp, with a few small splashes of gold on the obverse. Rare this nice, and seldom found with so few signs of handling on this later commemorative issue.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500



- 1602 1939-S Arkansas Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Brilliant gold toning at the periphery with areas of darker gold elsewhere, the centers brighter silver color. Well struck by the dies, and we note some hairlines which must account for the moderate grade, as there are virtually no contact marks from other coins.
Estimated Value \$700-1,000

Commemorative Coins



- 1603 1936 Bay Bridge Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-67.** One of the finest graded of this popular issue. The coin is lightly toned with hazy white over the surfaces, at the extreme edge through the date there is a brilliant red splash with similar tones at the top of the reverse too, probably caused by long storage in the original paper holder. Curiously, the large grizzly bear is often peppered in tick marks from handling, not so here, as close examination will locate precious few signs of contact. PCGS agrees, and they have graded 59 this high with just 7 graded higher (all MS-68). Bear that in mind when bidding.
Estimated Value \$900-1,000

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

- 1604 1936 Boone Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Strong luster and toned with a light lilac hue. Well struck by the dies and exceptional quality.
Estimated Value \$140-160



- 1605 1937 Boone Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Mostly white at the centers, with light gold peripheral toning.
Estimated Value \$100-150
- 1606 1937 Boone Half Dollar. MS-64.** Hazy white luster and well struck.
Estimated Value \$50-60

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- 1607 1937 PDS Boone Half Dollar Set.** These grade as follows: Philadelphia coin NGC graded MS-66, Denver coin PCGS graded MS-66 and San Francisco coin is NGC graded MS-66. Each coin is very satiny, with delicate gold and blue toning at the rims, while the centers and fields remain very bright. A scarce set this nice.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250



- 1608 1937 P and D Boone Half Dollar.** The two coins grade MS-66 or better. Both show the familiar tab toning and have been together since the time of issue, almost certainly in the same original mailing holder. Excellent surfaces and strike, with abundant luster in the fields. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$800-900



- 1609 1937 P and D Boone Half Dollar.** The two coins grade MS-65 or better. Both are toned with mottled gold and gray hues over mint fresh luster. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$600-700

- 1610 1936 Bridgeport Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** Totally original and perfectly matched with most of the others from the Benson Commemorative half dollar set, the surfaces show hazy gray toning with darker gold at the rims. Well struck and very clean for the grade. We note a single small reeding mark on Barnum's jaw and a few very light surface ticks on the high points elsewhere. PCGS notes 387 graded this high, with 27 graded higher (all MS-67), to give the bidders a picture of how difficult this grade is to obtain.
Estimated Value \$300-350

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- 1611 1936 Bridgeport Half Dollar. ICG graded MS-66.** Glowing gold color with bold luster. Scarce this nice.
Estimated Value \$250-350

Commemorative Coins



1612 1936 Bridgeport Half Dollar. MS-66 or better. Boom! The color canon went off on this one, with stunning blues, greens, golds, reds and whatever other color you could imagine. Superb surfaces too, with no signs of handling or similar problems. Throw away the price sheets if you expect to compete for this one, the colors will bring a premium worthy of their artistry. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$750-UP

1613 1936 Bridgeport Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65. Delicate pastel toning adds to this gem's eye appeal.

Estimated Value \$140-160



1614 1936 Bridgeport Half Dollar (2 pieces) in their original box of issue. Each of the two coins grades MS-65 or better. Here is something we rarely see, each coin is still housed in the original blue box of issue with the Bridgeport gold seal on the cover, and two gold bands at the top and around the edges. **The boxes grade Good or so.** Both coins show delightful toning over blazing luster, and are simply stunning to behold in their original box of issue. These two are part of an old hoard which recently turned up, and somehow missed the crazy games of dipping and cleaning that have diminished so many others over the decades. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$400-500



1615 1925-S California Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-68. One of the most perfect California Commemoratives in existence, with frosty white centers and delightfully toned edges. As to the grade, MS-68, the surfaces are nudging perfection back another notch. NGC has only graded 8 this high, PCGS just 2, and neither service has graded any higher. Sharply struck at the centers, and this is one of the nicest commemoratives to survive of any issue.

Estimated Value \$3,500-UP



1616 1925-S California Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-67. Exceptionally bright luster and lightly toned at the periphery. One of 80 graded this high by NGC, and exceptional in every way.

Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000



1617 1925-S California Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66. Great color and nice surfaces for the grade, and fairly well struck too. The toning on this coin is particularly pretty, deep blues and gold at the periphery, bright at the centers.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250



1618 1925-S California Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66. Sharply struck, even on the bear's nose, and toned with lovely peripheral colors. Great luster and surfaces for the grade. NGC has graded 257 this high.

Estimated Value \$700-800

Commemorative Coins



1619 1925-S California Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65. A satiny mint gem with lovely natural golden and light russet toning, mostly on the obverse.
Estimated Value \$550-600

1620 1925-S California Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-64. Intensely lustrous, this very choice example exhibits light rainbow toning that deepens at the borders.
Estimated Value \$200-225

1621 1925 California Half Dollar. PCGS graded AU-58. Gorgeous arcs of color at the rims.
Estimated Value \$60-80

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1622 1952 Carver-Washington Half Dollar (20 pieces). This 20 coin roll of 1952 pieces includes: 2 PCGS graded MS-65; 3 PCGS graded MS-64 and the balance are raw and grade from MS-63 to 65. Most are bright and untuned, or lightly toned around the periphery. These were all put away at the time of issue. Lot of 20 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-300



1623 1953-S Carver-Washington Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65. Beautiful toning and great luster throughout.
Estimated Value \$150-200

1624 1953-S Carver-Washington Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65. Good luster, but we note a few hairlines on the lower reverse near a planchet streak. Nice color from the original card-board mailer.
Estimated Value \$150-250



1625 1936-D Cincinnati Music Center Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65 Premium Quality. Satiny luster and toned with delicate gray silver hues. The surfaces appear to be a grade higher, and with so much eye appeal we're surprised it hasn't been re-submitted for a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$500-UP

1626 1936-S Cincinnati Music Center Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65. The PCGS Population Report notes that of the three mints used to coin these in 1936, San Francisco produced the fewest gems. We note 126 graded as MS-65 of this date and mint, with just 12 graded higher, all MS-66. Hence, this one should sell for a healthy premium over the P or D Mint coins. Delicate gold around the edge, and very clean on Foster's face.
Estimated Value \$400-475

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1627 1936-S Cincinnati Music Center Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-63. Attractive deep natural russet toning encircles the borders on both sides while the centers radiate with light violet hues. This beauty is definitely not a typical "MS-63" specimen and as such, worthy of a premium bid.
Estimated Value \$200-300



1628 1936 Cleveland Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66. Lovely iridescent tones grace the peripheries on both sides.
Estimated Value \$400-500



1629 1936 Cleveland Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66. Lightly toned with golden gray hues on both sides over lustrous fields. Nicely struck and a high end gem for the specialist.
Estimated Value \$400-500

Commemorative Coins

- 1630 1936 Cleveland Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** Bright and fresh, with a touch of hazy gold starting to form.
Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

- 1631 1936 Cleveland Half Dollar. MS-64.** Good luster and clean surfaces. Hints of toning on the rims.
Estimated Value \$60-70

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

- 1632 1936-S Columbia, S.C. Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** Original and exceptional for the grade. We note dark gold on the lower obverse, otherwise the surfaces are toned a delicate pink over the luster. Virtually no bagmarks on this one. PCGS has graded 300 this high, with 42 higher.
Estimated Value \$200-240

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1633 1892 Columbian Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Resplendent toning on this one of deep blue at the rims and vibrant gold at the centers. Both sides are simply gorgeous, and the eye appeal cannot be overstated. A gem in surfaces, and much better in the toning arena! Don't miss this one.
Estimated Value \$400-450

- 1634 1892 Columbian Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-64.** Various mottled hues of rainbow tones grace the obverse while the reverse is totally brilliant white.
Estimated Value \$200-300



- 1635 1893 Columbian Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Blue and gold toning around the periphery, with a band through Chris's hair. One minor scrape on the center sail, otherwise this one could grade higher.
Estimated Value \$300-400



- 1636 1893 Columbian Half Dollar. ICG graded MS-65.** If you loved toned commemoratives, this one should suit you to a "T". Blues and golds dominate the obverse, the reverse with darker gold and blue along the right side, silvery white elsewhere. Well struck, too.
Estimated Value \$250-350

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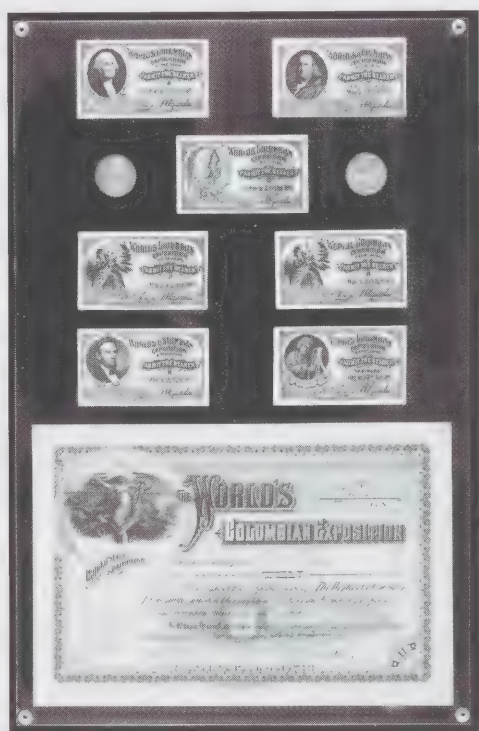
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Commemorative Coins



- 1637 1893 World's Columbian Exposition stock certificate, entrance tickets and two coins.** This delightful Columbian Exposition lot is framed with black lucite, with the following items included, each in excellent condition; a rare example of the stock certificate for 10 shares, registered to F. R. Schock which shows two light folds likely from the original mailing, and only slight fading of the green ink. The stock certificate is by far the rarest and most valuable piece in this instant collection. There are 7 general admission tickets all of which were printed by the American Bank Note Company in New York as follows: one with Columbus from the first printing of 1,000,000, two with Indian Chiefs both of the first printing of 1,000,000, one of Washington from the first printing of 1,000,000, one of Franklin from the only printing of 126,000, one of Lincoln from the first printing of 1,000,000 and the rare one of Handel of which only 100,000 were printed; each admission ticket is new with bright, fresh ink. Last but not least, two Columbian half dollars are included, one is obverse up so we don't know the date, the other is reverse up and dated 1893, and both grade EF to AU. Due to the popularity of the fair, many of these tickets were reissued towards the end of the fair as collectors items, all the reissued tickets include the letter "A" in the field to the lower right of the portrait. None of these tickets in this lot have the letter "A" except for the Franklin ticket, and all of those issued do include the "A". All Columbian Exposition material is highly collectible and widely sought after, and we note that the stock certificate is rarely offered. Perfect for the numismatist to display on a wall, each item with fine engraving and professionally mounted. The frame shows minor handling, and this lot contains 10 items.
Estimated Value \$350-500

- 1638 1893 Columbian Half Dollar (2 pieces).** One grades MS-60, the other EF-40. The mint state coin has average surfaces on this one, but it does have superb toning! Take a peek, while the EF coin is toned. Lot of 2 pieces.
Estimated Value \$20-25
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- 1639 1935 Connecticut Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-65. Strong luster and lightly toned, but we note that the eagle is a bit baggy. A sharply struck gem.
Estimated Value \$325-350

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

- 1640 1936 Delaware Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-66. A superb specimen, satiny throughout with a hint of delicate natural toning on both sides.
Estimated Value \$400-450

- 1641 1936 Delaware Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-66. Lustrous fields with a layer of hazy gold on both sides. A few ticks from an even higher grade, and these are scarce this nice, with just 382 graded this high and 40 graded higher (all MS-67).
Estimated Value \$400-450

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1642 1936 Delaware Half Dollar.** NGC graded MS-66. NGC has graded 248 this high, and not many above. Great gold color at the edge, good luster and pristine surfaces keep this one in the high end gem class. Rare thus.
Estimated Value \$250-350



- 1643 1936 Delaware Half Dollar.** NGC graded MS-64. Deeply toned with dark gold and red around the periphery, brighter at the centers. One thin scratch on the roof from a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$250-UP



- 1644 1936 Elgin Half Dollar.** NGC graded MS-67. Glowing bright colors at the edge, with strong luster in the fields. An exceptional coin by any standards.
Estimated Value \$750-1,000

Commemorative Coins



- 1645 1936 Elgin Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Exquisite light violet toning is uniformly distributed across the surfaces and an added touch of light golden tone encircles the extreme borders. A gorgeous example with huge eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$500-600



- 1646 1936 Elgin Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** Rich golden red toning on both sides and very lustrous. A knock-out gem for the specialist. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$500-600
- 1647 1936 Elgin Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** Good luster on this coin, but the strike shows the usual weakness on the reverse faces. Excellent surfaces that show only scattered signs of handling. Rare any better than this grade, and scarce this high.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

- 1648 1936 Elgin Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** A frosty mint gem with natural golden-russet toning around the borders.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 1649 1936 Elgin Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** A lightly toned example with some deeper russet tones resting around the protected areas of the periphery.
Estimated Value \$200-250



- 1650 1936 Elgin Half Dollar (4 pieces).** These each grade MS-65 or better. Also included is the original cardboard holder of issue which grades Fine, which housed these four coins for many years, giving them magnificent tab toning on one side, more even hues on the other. The cardboard holder is stamped by L. W. Hoffecker of El Paso, Texas, and the ink is faded a bit, but can easily be read. These are from the original group that came to us after being put away since the time of issue. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$1,000-UP

- 1651 1936 Gettysburg Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Hazy toning and a lovely gem in every way.
Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1652 1936 Gettysburg Half Dollar (3 pieces).** Each grades MS-65. These three were all stored in the original cardboard mailing holder for many years and developed the interesting tab toning on one side, and are more evenly toned on the other side. Totally original, and each has exceptionally clean surfaces. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,750

Commemorative Coins

Superb Gem 1922 Grant Half Dollar With Star



Enlarged



1653 1922 Grant Half Dollar, with star. PCGS graded MS-66. One of the great rarities of the Commemorative half dollar series, and one that is rarely found in gem grades. This fact is borne out by the years of statistical data represented in the grading services Population Reports. In the current PCGS Population Report we see that 19 Grant with star commemoratives have been graded this high, with just 3 graded higher. Hence, this is one of the very finest of this key date to survive. We anticipate healthy bidding activity when it crosses the block, for such superb coins are rarely encountered, and always command a premium. Fully struck by the dies, with good luster in the fields and toned with tawny gold hues on both sides. Remarkably clean surfaces, of course. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$9,000-UP



1654 1922 Grant Half Dollar, with star. PCGS graded MS-64. Golden flecks of toning at the edges and fairly well struck for this issue, although there is slight weakness in Grant's curls. The surfaces show few signs of contact, and this coin certainly has the appearance of a gem.

Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000



1655 1922 Grant Half Dollar, no star. NGC graded MS-66. Medium gray toning on both sides with areas of brighter gold shining through. Nicely struck for a Grant, but what sets this apart is the clean surfaces. Most Grants are banged up, but not so here, as the surfaces remain mint fresh and clean.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500

Commemorative Coins



- 1657 A pair of commemoratives. The first is a 1922 Grant which is EF-40, cleaned, next is a 1925 Stone Mountain, AU-50. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

- 1656 1922 Grant Half Dollar, no star. NGC graded MS-64. This one is graced by loads of magnificent toning which ranges from blue to rose red, and ample gold too. Nicely struck and well preserved, but this one will go to a color hound.
Estimated Value \$200-250

The Rare Sandblast Proof 1928 Hawaiian Half Dollar



Enlarged



- 1658 1928 Hawaiian Half Dollar. PCGS graded Proof 62. One of just 50 struck in Sandblast Proof! An incredibly important coin for the Commemorative half dollar specialist, and one that is seldom offered, especially in certified grades. The strike is needle sharp, and the surfaces are a soft matte appearance from the sandblasted dies. This one is toned a lilac gray color, with areas of gold nestling in with the devices. Where are the original 50? The Breen-Swiattek Commemorative book gives a big jump on the issue, as our friend Gordon Medcalf went to the Hawaiian State archives and located the original list of buyers of the 50 struck, and this list is published in the Breen-Swiattek book. Eight of the 50 had been donated to museums by the time the book was published in 1981, and likely a few more have drifted that direction and are now off the market. Of those remaining, PCGS has graded a total of 8 coins as follows: PR-61, PR-62, PR-63, and 5 as PR-64. NGC has graded a dozen, and there is likely duplication between the services as these rare coins would frequently be sent to both to see how a particular coin grades. That's it, there are obviously others but they have not been graded as of yet. The Hawaiian commemorative half dollar has always been in strong demand, the issue sold out quickly, and the only known hoard has been broken up years ago. Further, the 50 proof struck went to individuals, and no hoard of these has ever been assembled to our knowledge. One of these sold for over \$15,000 in 1979, and we can therefore suggest that these are due for a price increase one of these years, as they haven't traded higher as many other far more common coins have in the last two decades. Purchasing a Hawaiian proof will certainly be the pinnacle of most coin collectors sets, and this is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of. Bid accordingly.
Estimated Value \$12,500-UP

Commemorative Coins



- 1659 1928 Hawaiian Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Bright and lustrous, without the usual dull toning often seen, this one must have escaped the damp Hawaii environment early on, before the toning process started. Clean surfaces, with delightful mint frost and just a light scattering of ticks from handling. These are seldom found bright and lustrous, this should certainly be worth a premium as such. Housed in an old style green insert PCGS holder. Scarce this nice, and rare any better.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500



- 1660 1928 Hawaiian Half Dollar. MS-60+.** A rare, early commemorative that is always in strong demand. Sharply struck by the dies, but the surfaces have been cleaned and show minute porosity. Toned with hazy gold over somewhat cloudy surfaces. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200
From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1661 1935 Hudson Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-63.** As with most of these, the strike is not quite full, but the luster and color combine to make this one worth a bid.
Estimated Value \$350-400
From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1662 1924 Huguenot-Walloon Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Brilliant yellow gold toning on the obverse, more silvery gray on the reverse. Excellent luster and well struck for this gem coin. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$300-UP
- 1663 1924 Huguenot-Walloon Half Dollar. MS-60.** Antique gray and gold toning, but some hairlines underneath.
Estimated Value \$60-80

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1664 1918 Illinois Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-67.** Here is one of the finest graded of the issue, PCGS has seen 51 this high, but none have been graded higher. Toned with light blue gray on both sides with vibrant luster in the fields. No signs of marks or handling save for the most minute ticks. This one has good feather detail on the eagle too.
Estimated Value \$1,700-2,000



- 1665 1918 Illinois Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** A beautiful, well struck example that boasts satiny luster and light golden toning. We note a hidden tick on the second N of CENTENNIAL, otherwise this would have graded higher.
Estimated Value \$400-UP
From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

Commemorative Coins



- 1666 1946 Iowa Half Dollar.** NGC graded MS-67. Strong luster and boasting lovely toning around the obverse periphery. Scarce this nice.
Estimated Value \$250-UP



- 1667 1925 Lexington-Concord Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-66. One of the better Lexington's to survive from the original mintage. PCGS has graded just 95 this high, with a single coin graded higher! Satiny gray luster throughout, with vibrant colors at the edge. A superb example of this issue.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1668 1925 Lexington-Concord Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-65. A splendid satiny mint gem exhibiting delicate hues of pale blue and gold. Worthy of a premium bid.
Estimated Value \$400-450



- 1669 1925 Lexington-Concord Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-65. Hazy yellow gray toning on both sides, deeper at the periphery. In an old green insert PCGS holder. Minor ticks from handling, but lots of eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$300-400

- 1670 1925 Lexington-Concord Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-64. Frosty and bright with nice surfaces.
Estimated Value \$100-125

- 1671 1936 Long Island Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-65. A frosty mint gem, white on the obverse with lovely tab toning adhering to the reverse borders.
Estimated Value \$300-350

- 1672 1936 Long Island Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-65. Good luster and well struck by the dies. This one could grade higher.
Estimated Value \$200-240

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

- 1673 1936 Lynchburg Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-66. Sharply struck and graded with delicate gold shades around the periphery and satiny gray to the centers. Minute handling ticks, none of which are distracting. Scarce this nice, and rare any better.
Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1674 1920 Maine Half Dollar.** NGC graded MS-64. Lovely toning, but there are some hairlines accounting for the grade.
Estimated Value \$300-UP

- 1675 1920 Maine Half Dollar.** MS-63. Satiny gray luster with light gold at the rim.
Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1676 1934 Maryland Half Dollar.** ICG graded MS-65. Satiny gray luster at the center, with sought-after blue and deep gold at the periphery. A beautiful coin.
Estimated Value \$200-300

Commemorative Coins

- 1677 1934 Maryland Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Hazy gold toning and well struck by the dies, with ample luster remaining.
Estimated Value \$175-200

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1678 1921 Missouri Half Dollar, 2 x 4. PCGS graded MS-64.** Bright gold shades around the edge, and iridescent hues on both sides. Scarce this nice, PCGS notes 525 graded as MS-64, with 161 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1679 1921 Missouri Half Dollar, no 2 x 4. NGC graded MS-64 Premium Quality.** Mostly bright with strong luster and just a bit of peripheral toning. Minor hairlines from a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500

- 1680 1921 Missouri Half Dollar, no 2 x 4. MS-60.** Bright and generally untuned, with decent luster and nice surfaces for the grade. Sharply struck, with a partial wire rim in fact. One of the scarcer earlier commemoratives that is always worth the premium it brings.
Estimated Value \$350-400

- 1681 1923 Monroe Doctrine Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** Beautiful toning on this one.
Estimated Value \$250-300

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

One of the Finest Graded 1938 New Rochelle Half Dollars



- 1682 1938 New Rochelle Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-68.** One of the Finest graded by NGC of this issue, and one of just 6 coins to be awarded this grade by NGC. Original tab toning of vibrant orange and gold on both sides, under which dances ample luster to dazzle the eye. A superb coin in every way, color, strike and eye appeal all in abundance combine to make this high end gem one of the finest known of the issue. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,500-UP



- 1683 1938 New Rochelle Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-67.** Resplendent orange gold toning on both sides. Clean surfaces too, enough so to keep this in the MS-67 class. If you love vibrantly toned coins, then take a look at this. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,250-UP

- 1684 1938 New Rochelle Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** A few chatter marks from perfection, but still with nice luster and clean surfaces for the grade.
Estimated Value \$350-400

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

Commemorative Coins



- 1685 1938 New Rochelle Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** The obverse has the familiar "tab" toning seen on many toned commemoratives. This is from the original cardboard holder in which these were shipped to collectors at the time of issue (see other lots in this sale). Deep gold at the periphery, save for where the tab crossed, the reverse brighter. Good luster and well preserved, with just a handful of ticks scattered in the fields.
Estimated Value \$350-450



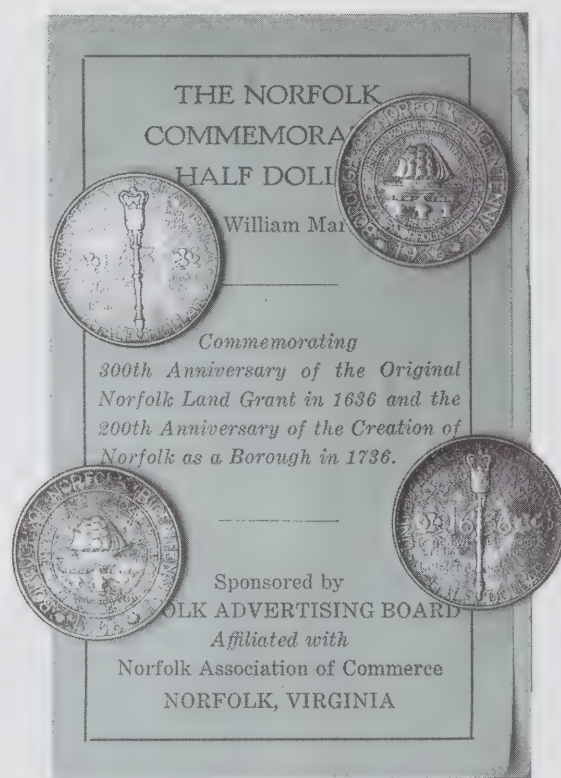
- 1686 1938 New Rochelle Half Dollar. MS-66 or better.** Great color on this coin of deep gold at the periphery which enhances the design elements. Examination will find just a couple of tiny ticks on either side, and the surfaces are truly a delight to behold. If you love original coins, here's one for you.
Estimated Value \$400-500

- 1687 1936 Norfolk Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-67.** A high end gem that boasts gold toning on both sides with dazzling luster in the fields. Boldly struck, and totally problem free.
Estimated Value \$300-400

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- 1688 1936 Norfolk Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-67.** Great original toning on this one, with vibrant luster beneath. Boldly struck and well preserved. PCGS has graded 592 this high, with 86 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$300-400



- 1689 1936 Norfolk Half Dollar (4 pieces).** These coins each grade **MS-65 or better**. Remarkably, these coins still have their original cardboard holder, which is included with this lot, **the holder grades Fine**, and shows some wear on the corners, but the pale green cover and ink are still fresh and bright. Blazing luster on the coins, and each has the familiar tab toning that speaks volumes about a coins original condition. Few can boast that they haven't been cleaned, dipped or otherwise mishandled, as seen here, and we recommend them heartily. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$1,250-UP



- 1690 1926-S Oregon Trail Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-67.** Iridescent rainbow hues at the periphery, great luster and surfaces too. A stunning gem.
Estimated Value \$800-UP



- 1691 1926-S Oregon Trail Half Dollar. MS-67 or better.** Magnificent and gorgeous color on both sides, obviously original and abundantly beautiful. Further, the surfaces are pristine, with no signs of bagmarks or distracting problems to be seen. Blazing mint luster beneath the artist's array of color, and simply superb in every way. Ira says "worthy of a record". Color photo.
Estimated Value \$750-UP

Commemorative Coins



- 1692 1926-S Oregon Trail Half Dollar.** NGC graded MS-66. Iridescent toning at the periphery, with blazing luster in the fields. Boldly struck as are most, but much better preserved than usually encountered.
Estimated Value \$300-UP



- 1693 1926-S Oregon Trail Half Dollar.** PCGS graded MS-64. Rainbow toning around the periphery, and quite alluring.
Estimated Value \$100-125

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- 1694 1936 Oregon Trail Half Dollar (2 pieces).** These each grade MS-65 or better, and include the original card mailer of issue which grades Good. The two coins have tab toning on the reverse, while the obverses are toned a more even gray color. Flecks of rich color at the rims, and these are delightfully original. One of the paper tabs is missing the right side. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$500-600



- 1695 1936-S Oregon Trail Half Dollar.** NGC graded MS-67. Hazy gray tones over luster, with deeper hues at the edge. Exceptional surfaces, especially on the devices. Magnificent quality.
Estimated Value \$500-600



- 1696 1937-D Oregon Trail Half Dollar.** ICG graded MS-68. Crackle gold and green toning on a few areas, with iridescent red and gold at the edge. A stunning gem that shows virtually no signs of contact.
Estimated Value \$500-750



- 1697 1938 PDS Oregon Trail Half Dollar Set with the original Cardboard holder.** The coins each grade MS-66 or better. Each is toned with magnificent colors on the obverse, which were face down in the holders, and the reverse sides were up, so each reverse has the familiar tab toning. Never dipped or cleaned, these superb coins were put away at the time of issue, and have remained in their original holders all these years. **The holder itself is included, and it grades Fine.** Remember, only 6,005 sets were issued as the commemorative boom from 1936 slowed way down by 1938. Few were saved, and very few have come down to us in such superb condition. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$750-UP



- 1698 1938 PDS Oregon Trail Half Dollar Set with the original Cardboard holder.** The coins each grade MS-66 or better. Each is toned with magnificent colors on both sides, some were obverse down, others reverse down, the "up" side has the familiar tab toning while the other side is more evenly toned. Never dipped or cleaned, these superb coins were put away at the time of issue, and have remained in their original holders all these years. **The holder itself is included, and it grades Fine.** Truly an opportunity not to be missed by commemorative half dollar specialists. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$750-UP

Commemorative Coins

1699 1938 PDS Oregon Trail Half Dollar Set. Each coin in this original set is PCGS graded MS-66. Premium Quality. The set is perfectly matched, with all showing a satiny haze and are basically untoned. Seldom found this nice. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$600-700

1700 1939 Oregon Trail Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66. Gold at the rims, fully struck on both sides, and quite lustrous. An impressive example.
Estimated Value \$500-600

Stunning Gem Set of 1939-PDS Oregon Trail Half Dollars



1701 1939-PDS Oregon Trail Half Dollar Set in the original holder. These grade MS-67. Housed in the original cardboard holder, which grades Fine each coin boasts gorgeous "tab" toning and pristine surfaces. The luster dances with mint freshness rarely encountered. Boldly struck, and only 3,004 were coined of each, making this one of the lowest mintage issues of the entire commemorative half dollar series. Truly an opportunity to purchase a stunning, original set that includes the cardboard tab holder. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$2,500-UP



1702 1939 PDS Oregon Trail Half Dollar Set. Each are PCGS graded as follows: Philadelphia MS-65; Denver MS-66 and San Francisco MS-65. This original set is perfectly matched with light golden toning on both sides with darker colorful flecks near the rims from the paper holders which were used to mail out these coins to collectors. This is the rarest of the Oregon sets, with mintages of 3,004 of the Philadelphia and Denver coins, and 3,005 of the San Francisco issue. A rare set! Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$1,350-1,500

Magnificently Toned 1939-P and S Oregon Trail Half Dollars



1703 1939-P and S Oregon Trail Half Dollars. This pair of coins each grades MS-66 or better. Housed in the original cardboard holder for decades, which is included in this lot and grades Very Fine, this pair boasts some of the most stunning color we've ever seen on any commemorative half dollar. Vibrant sunset gold and green predominate, but the colors are simply too bold and complex to describe with the limitations of the English language. Suffice to say, these must be seen to be believed. One side has the familiar tab toning, the other side rich with the stunning array of colors. Lot of 2 coins. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$2,000-UP



1704 1915-S Panama-Pacific Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66 Premium Quality. While the grade certainly says a lot, this coin will long be remembered for its perfectly arranged obverse toning. The rims form a golden gray tone, which fades to an oval ring of vibrant blue and gold, the length extending horizontally across the obverse. On the reverse, a simple halo of gold at the edge. One of the prettiest commemoratives in this sale and the nicest we've seen. PCGS notes just 139 graded this high, with 49 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

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Commemorative Coins



- 1705 1915-S Panama-Pacific Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Gray toning over lustrous fields, and we note that the devices are hugged by a light blue color which offsets their magnificent design. In this sale, we have several toned examples of this coin, and anyone who is serious about collecting these would do well to acquire at least one for their collection. Color photo. Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 1706 1915-S Panama-Pacific Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-64.** Stunning colors on this one, with deep blue at the edge, and glorious golds next, fading to bright silver at the centers. Perfectly balanced and nicely struck. An early and rare issue of the Commemorative series, and this is one of the most beautiful and sought-after coins. Estimated Value \$800-1,200
- 1707 1915-S Panama-Pacific Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-64.** Satiny gray in color with brighter hues at the periphery. Well struck on the devices, and well preserved too, as most of this can't even qualify as "choice" today. Abundant eye appeal for the specialist. Estimated Value \$600-700



- 1708 1920 Pilgrim Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Encircled by rainbow rings of color through the peripheral lettering, bright silver elsewhere. Good luster and a nice strike combine to keep this in the gem class, with the usual super clean surfaces, to be sure. Estimated Value \$350-500
- 1709 1920 Pilgrim Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** This one must have just missed a gem grade, steel gray and lightly toned with very clean surfaces. Estimated Value \$80-90
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- 1710 1921 Pilgrim Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Light gold toning on both sides, and well struck. Estimated Value \$325-375
- 1711 1921 Pilgrim Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Stone white and quite lustrous. Absolutely free of toning, and well struck too. Estimated Value \$325-375
- 1712 1936 Rhode Island Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** An intensely lustrous example with its satiny mint surfaces shimmering with light pastel tones. Estimated Value \$500-550
- 1713 1936 Rhode Island Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Lightly toned with natural lilac and gold. Estimated Value \$100-150



- 1714 1936-D Rhode Island Half Dollar. ICG graded MS-67.** Lovely toning on this one, with great luster too. Close examination with a 10X glass shows only a couple of ticks on the surfaces, and this one is nearly perfect. Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000
- 1715 1936-D Rhode Island Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** A touch of pale blue tone graces the satiny mint surfaces with russet tones around the borders. Here is a splendid gem specimen. Estimated Value \$500-550



- 1716 1936-D Rhode Island Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** Sunset gold and red tones at the rims, while the centers are much brighter silver. Great luster and well struck. Always popular in high grades and with ample eye appeal. Estimated Value \$500-600
- 1717 1936-D Rhode Island Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** Dark gold at the edge, satiny gray tones over the luster elsewhere. Sharp, and well preserved, with no distracting bagmarks. Estimated Value \$225-275
- From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.*
- 1718 1936-D Rhode Island Half Dollar. ICG graded MS-66.** A sparkling satiny mint gem with warm paste toning on both sides. Estimated Value \$200-230

Commemorative Coins

- 1719 1936-D Rhode Island Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Blue and gold at the rims, and obviously held in an album or the original cardboard mailer either of which contained a small amount of sulphur that causes a coin to tone at the rims. Great eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$150-200

- 1720 1936-D Rhode Island Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Rich and deep gold in color, with strong luster beneath. Sharp and desirable, as all gems are in demand, especially ones with toning and eye appeal as offered here.
Estimated Value \$125-150



- 1721 1937 Roanoke Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Lovely gold and russet toning around the edges, probably from a tab holder. Great luster and excellent surfaces.
Estimated Value \$200-300

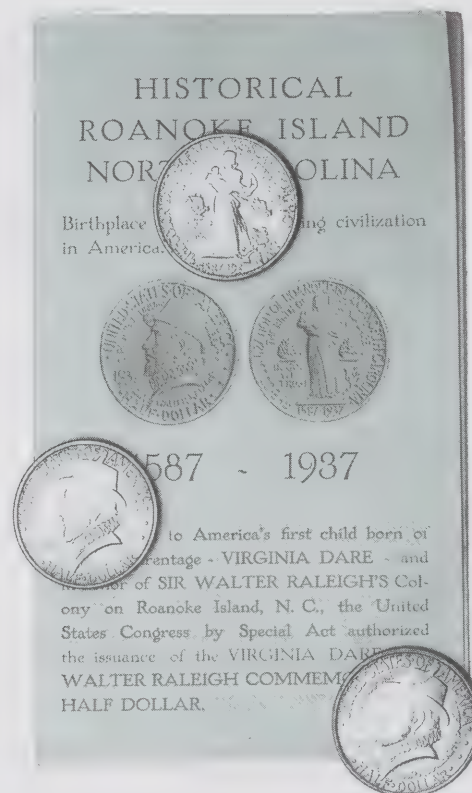
- 1722 1937 Roanoke Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Sharply struck by the dies, and loaded with luster. Starting to tone with golden shades at the periphery.
Estimated Value \$160-175

- 1723 1937 Roanoke Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** Pretty toning on the obverse and reverse, with satiny luster beneath. This one has the appearance of a higher grade, and we didn't find any distracting marks with out glass.
Estimated Value \$130-150

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- 1724 1937 Roanoke Half Dollar (4 pieces). Each of these grades MS-66 or better.** These all have the familiar "tab" toning seen from long storage in the original cardboard holders, which are included with this lot as well as the original mailing envelop. Needless to say, these coins came to us in these envelopes from an old time collector who carefully saved the original mailing envelope, kept the coins safe in their original holders, and allowed them to develop these spectacular colors. One glance will convince even the most jaded numismatist that these are totally original coins that have never been mishandled in any way.
Estimated Value \$1,000-UP



- 1725 1937 Roanoke Half Dollar (3 pieces). Each grades MS-66 or better.** This lot includes the original cardboard holder that contained these coins as they were shipped in 1937. Note the magnificent golden toning that is a result of decades long storage in these cardboard holders. This is known as "tab" toning for the cardboard tab that held the coins in place. Few are offered with these original cards, and most were discarded soon after they were issued. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$700-UP



- 1726 1936 Robinson-Arkansas Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** A stunning coin with deep sunset toning, particularly so on the obverse. Worthy of a premium bid due to the unusual array of colors.
Estimated Value \$600-800



- 1727 1936 Robinson-Arkansas Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Deep gold at the base of the obverse, with glowing reds and blues mixed in, the reverse with just a ring of gold at the periphery. Mostly white and hazy at the centers. Clean surfaces, and rarely found this nice.
Estimated Value \$400-500

Commemorative Coins

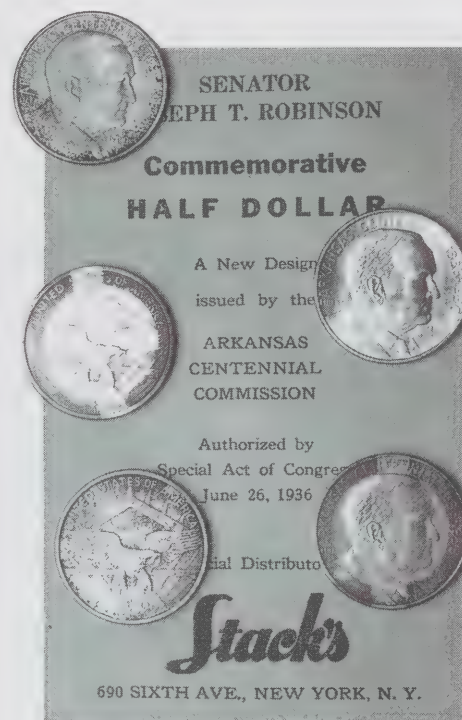


- 1728 1936 Robinson-Arkansas Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Gold toning at the periphery and well struck. Nice cheek on Robinson.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 1729 1936 Robinson-Arkansas Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Lovely satiny mint surfaces with some natural golden toning at the outer borders.
Estimated Value \$130-150
- 1730 1936 Robinson-Arkansas Half Dollar. MS-64.** Bright and lustrous, with just a splash of toning on the upper reverse.
Estimated Value \$70-80

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Original Group of Five 1936 Robinson-Arkansas Half Dollars



- 1731 1936 Robinson-Arkansas Half Dollar (5 pieces).** These all grade MS-65 and better. Also included with these coins is the original cardboard mailing holder, which, incidentally, is from our friends Stack's in New York. Like the Goldberg's, Stack's was founded in the 1930's and both the Goldberg family and the Stack's family have been in the rare coin auction business for three generations so far. Stack's was involved with the distribution of these Robinson-Arkansas commemorative half dollars in 1936, and rarely do we encounter the original cardboard holders anymore, most having been discarded over the years. The holder itself is in fine condition, with bright ink and nice corners. The coins though, are truly spectacular, with tab toning from long storage in the holders, and superb surfaces throughout. If you have ever wondered what a truly "original" coin looks like, then stop for a minute and study these. Note specifically the blazing luster, "tab" outline toning and general eye appeal. Lot of 5 coins.
Estimated Value \$750-UP

Commemorative Coins



- 1732 1935-S San Diego Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-67.** Stunning toning on the reverse, with dark gold at the edge, iridescent green and yellow inside that, with luster dancing in the fields. As expected, the surfaces are pristine.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

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- 1733 1935-S San Diego Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-67.** Deep gold "tab" toning on this high grade example. Milky white luster and highly appealing, with no surface marks to speak of. A well struck beauty.

Estimated Value \$400-500

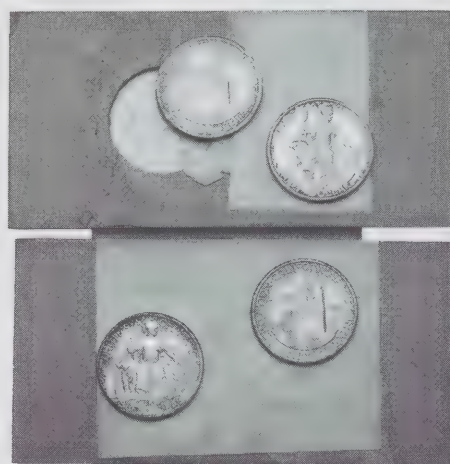


- 1734 1935-S San Diego Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Blazing luster on this one, with gorgeous color surrounding through the lettering. Fully struck and downright pleasing to behold.

Estimated Value \$500-UP

- 1735 1935-S San Diego Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Lovely natural light pastel tones grace the surfaces on both sides.

Estimated Value \$120-140



- 1736 1935-S San Diego Half Dollar (2 pieces) and 1936-D San Diego Half Dollar (2 pieces).** Each coin grades MS-65 or better. Further, the original cardboard holder of issue grades Fine and is included with these, and a glance will demonstrate that these magnificent coins were toned by decades long storage in these holders. Gorgeous shades of gold in tawny flecks can be seen over the vibrant luster. Lot of 4 coins.

Estimated Value \$500-600



- 1737 1936-D San Diego Half Dollar. ICG graded MS-67.** Blast white luster with a touch of blue toning at the rims. Near perfect surfaces, as expected for the grade.

Estimated Value \$750-1,000



- 1738 1936-D San Diego Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Frosty luster with an overlay of light gold toning. A scattering of ticks, but you need a strong glass to see them, and obviously a high end gem at a glance. Rare thus.

Estimated Value \$250-UP

Commemorative Coins



- 1739 1936-D San Diego Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Dusky gold toning at the centers, vibrant red and gold at the edges. Nicely struck by the dies and well preserved, with just a couple of faint ticks on the devices.

Estimated Value \$250-UP

- 1740 1936-D San Diego Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Attractive russet iridescent toning graces the peripheries and adds to this coins eye appeal.

Estimated Value \$160-200



- 1741 1926 Sesquicentennial Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Sunset gold toning on both sides, with deeper blues mixed in too. A lovely toned gem.

Estimated Value \$2,500-UP

- 1742 1926 Sesquicentennial Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-64.** Scattered fritzies on the devices, but well blended into the satiny luster.

Estimated Value \$300-350



- 1743 1926 Sesquicentennial Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-64.** Nice original toning and with a few ticks on the face of George Washington. Hazy gray hues with darker flecks near the edge on the obverse, brighter shades on the reverse periphery.

Estimated Value \$250-350



- 1744 1926 Sesquicentennial Half Dollar. MS-64.** This one has light hairlines on both sides from a long ago cleaning, but now toned with glorious hues around the periphery, with pinkish tones covering most of the coin. About as pretty as one could imagine.

Estimated Value \$250-300

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- 1745 1926 Sesquicentennial Half Dollar. MS-63.** Good luster and nicely struck.

Estimated Value \$100-125

- 1746 1926 Sesquicentennial Half Dollar (2 coins). One grades EF-40, the other AU-50.** Both are toned. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$40-50

Both are from the Benson collection and were probably taken from circulation in the 1940s.

High End Gem Spanish Trail Half Dollar



- 1747 1935 Old Spanish Trail Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-67.** Light gray toning on both sides over lustrous surfaces. The open fields provide plenty of room for bagmarks, but not on this one, the surfaces are gorgeous, with so signs of ticks or marks. The NGC Population Report shows just 21 graded this high, with none graded higher, making this likely one of the very finest in the world. Boldly struck and nearly perfect in every way.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

Commemorative Coins



- 1748 1935 Old Spanish Trail Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Great luster and boldly struck by the dies. These are tough to find in full gem grades as the wide open fields act like bagmark magnets, further, this one is in the old green insert PCGS holder. Light rose and gold toning, and a true gem.
Estimated Value \$800-850



- 1749 1935 Old Spanish Trail Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Bright white in color, with just a whisper of haze. The surfaces of this gem are really superb, even for this high grade. With the simplistic design, the open fields were normally subject to bagmarks, which are the rule on these. Here is an exception, for its surfaces and fields show precious few signs of contact, keeping this in the gem class easily. Untoned and rare this nice.
Estimated Value \$600-700



- 1750 1935 Old Spanish Trail Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64 Premium Quality.** Hazy gold toning over mint fresh surfaces, with darker hues mixed in with the peripheral lettering. Outstanding quality for the grade assigned, with virtually no sign of contact in the fields or on the devices. We note remarkably little price difference between MS-60 and MS-66 on this rare issue.
Estimated Value \$600-650

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- 1751 1934 Texas Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Golden flecks of toning on the obverse and reverse over luster. Well struck and pleasing.
Estimated Value \$80-100

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- 1752 1935-S Texas Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Dark gold around the rims, lighter at the centers. Lustrous and very high end.
Estimated Value \$150-200



- 1753 1936-D Texas Half Dollar. ICG graded MS-66.** Satiny luster and well struck by the dies. Beautiful tones of gold and deeper iridescence on the rims.
Estimated Value \$300-400



- 1754 1925 Fort Vancouver Half Dollar. ICG graded MS-67.** Stunning original gold toning around the periphery, with hints of blue and russet at the edge. Superb surfaces throughout, with no signs of contact from other coins. Well struck too, with full device details on the head and curls, fort and mountain man on the reverse. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000



- 1755 1925 Fort Vancouver Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Crackle umber and gold toning throughout, apparently from the original mailing holder. One for the toned coin specialist.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250



- 1756 1925 Fort Vancouver Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-64.** Deep blue and gold toning, especially around the periphery. A stunning coin that has all the eye appeal one could hope for. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$750-UP

Commemorative Coins



- 1757 1925 Fort Vancouver Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** Delicate gold toning with colorful flecks around the periphery. Faint hairlines from a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$400-UP

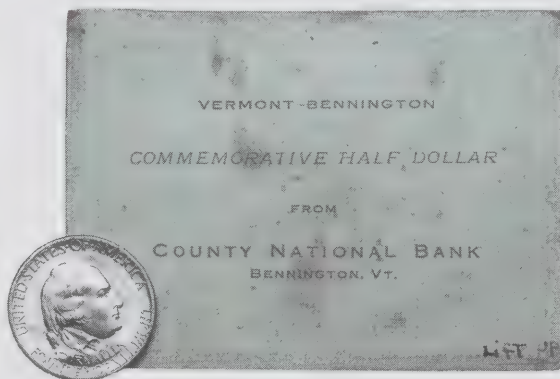
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- 1758 1927 Vermont Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** An outstanding, totally original example exhibiting natural russet toning on both sides.
Estimated Value \$450-525



- 1759 1927 Vermont Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** Lightly toned with pretty antique gray hues. A few faint hairlines from a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$450-525

- 1760 1927 Vermont Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** A lovely gem with full undisturbed frosty mint surfaces overlaid with light pastel toning.
Estimated Value \$350-400



- 1761 1927 Vermont Half Dollar. MS-65.** This coin includes the original cardboard coin holder that was mailed with the coin in 1927, and the holder grades Fine with light staining and someone has added the operating instruction "Lift up" at the lower left corner, for those challenged by such things. Back to the coin, two small ticks on the cheek from an even higher grade, this one has strong luster and a bold strike, and the coin has only a hint of toning.
Estimated Value \$500-600

- 1762 1927 Vermont Half Dollar. PCGS graded AU-58 Premium Quality.** Good luster and clean surfaces, with minor hairlines from brief circulation.
Estimated Value \$80-100

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- 1763 1946 Booker T. Washington Half Dollar. NGC graded MS-66.** Lovely gold toning around the edges.
Estimated Value \$100-150

- 1764 1946 Booker T. Washington Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** Beautiful gold and yellow toning splashed on both sides over the mint luster. Well struck and preserved. PCGS notes 152 graded this high, with just 9 higher (all MS-67) keeping this as one of the best around.
Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection and probably purchased at the time of issue.

- 1765 1946 Booker T. Washington Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-66.** Beautiful gold and green tab toning on both sides over mint luster. Well struck and preserved. PCGS notes 152 graded this high, with just 9 higher (all MS-67).
Estimated Value \$80-100

From the Benson collection and probably purchased at the time of issue.

- 1766 1946 Booker T. Washington Half Dollar (3 pieces). MS-65.** These grade MS-64 to MS-65. Each is a frosty original gem that shows golden toning on both sides. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$60-75

From the Benson collection and purchased at the time of issue for \$1.00.

- 1767 1946 P and D Booker T. Washington Half Dollars and 1953-S Washington-Carver. Each grades MS-65 or better.** The 1946 BTW has slightly mottled gold toning, with many flecks on either side, while the 1946-D BTW boasts spectacular orange-gold hues throughout. Last, the 1953-S WC has crackled gold, green and rose hues over bright luster. All are totally original, and the toning is the result of decades long storage in the original cardboard mailers used to ship these coins. Most have been dipped over the years to restore the original, bright silver appearance, not so here, these are delightfully original, and each is a high end gem too. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-250

Commemorative Coins

- 1768 1946 PDS Booker T. Washington Half Dollar Set.** These coins grade **MS-65 or better**. Also included with this lot is the original black cardboard holder of issue. The holder grades **VG**, and has some small tears where stickers were removed on the bottom part. Each of the coins is toned on one side, the other side protected from air exposure by the holder and slide. In this case, the Philadelphia coin toned on the reverse, while the two mintmarked coins toned on the obverse. Fresh luster and pristine surfaces on each. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-250

- 1769 1946 Booker T. Washington Half Dollar (5 pieces).** Each is **PCGS graded MS-65**. Most are toned with dark gold shades while the reverses have peripheral gold hues. Lot of 5 coins.
Estimated Value \$100-125
From the Benson collection and purchased at the time of issue for \$1.00 each.

- 1770 1946 Booker T. Washington Half Dollar.** And **1953 Washington-Carver**. Both grade Mint State 63.
Estimated Value \$20-25

- 1771 1946-D Booker T. Washington Half Dollar.** **PCGS graded MS-66**. Original tab toning on this example, with lilac over most of the surfaces and deeper gold at the rims. Scarce this nice.
Estimated Value \$80-100

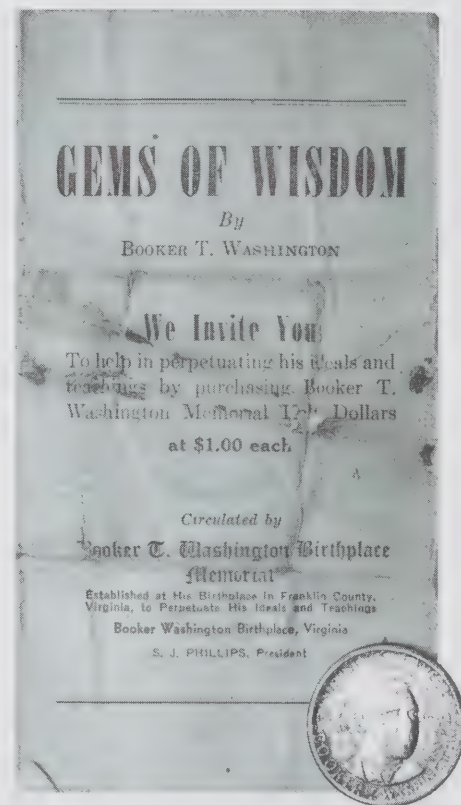


- 1772 1946-S Booker T. Washington Half Dollar.** **NGC graded MS-66**. Glorious gold and russet toning on both sides over lustrous surfaces. Pristine quality.
Estimated Value \$150-200

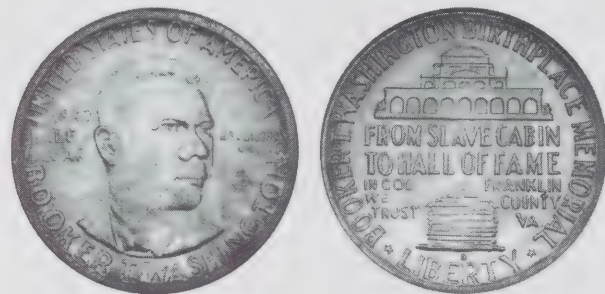
- 1773 1946-S Booker T. Washington Half Dollar.** **NGC graded MS-66**. Iridescent gold toning on both sides, evenly distributed. Frosty luster beneath, and very much at the high end of the gem grade. Worth a premium for the color.
Estimated Value \$100-UP



- 1774 1946-S Booker T. Washington Half Dollar.** **NGC graded MS-65**. Rich gold and yellow toning on each side, with luster beneath. Minor handling marks on the devices.
Estimated Value \$100-150



- 1775 1947 Booker T. Washington Half Dollar.** The coin grades **MS-66 or better**. This one includes the "Gems of Wisdom" original paper holder which grades **Good**, the paper shows heavy folds. The coin was originally held in place by a small bit of acetate with the reverse side down. Some of this acetate still remains on the coin, and it has toned stunning vibrant yellow colors in that area, green and blue elsewhere on the reverse. The obverse toning is a combination of gold, green and blue flecks over mark-free surfaces.
Estimated Value \$300-400



- 1776 1947-S Booker T. Washington Half Dollar.** **NGC graded MS-66**. Strong luster and lightly toned with golden gray highlights throughout. Rarely found this nice.
Estimated Value \$150-200

- 1777 1949 PDS Booker T. Washington Half Dollar Set.** Each is **NGC graded MS-66**. The D Mint coin has some toning at the top, otherwise all bright and fresh. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$350-450

- 1778 1936 Wisconsin Half Dollar.** **PCGS graded MS-66**. Yellow gold and hazy tones dominate the surfaces. Scarce any better.
Estimated Value \$180-220

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.

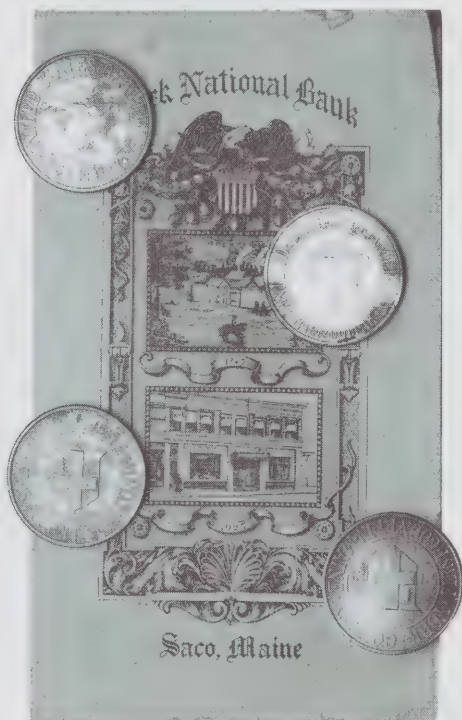
- 1779 1936 Wisconsin Half Dollar.** **NGC graded MS-66**. Delicate sunset toning adds greatly its eye appeal. A gem specimen in every way.
Estimated Value \$175-225

Commemorative Coins

- 1780 1936 York Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-67.** Curiously, many of the York commemoratives are well preserved, and this grade can be obtained for a relatively modest price. This particular one boasts satiny gray toning, with darker gold at the edge. The PCGS Population Report shows 354 graded as MS-67 with this one, and just 21 graded higher, all MS-68. One of the finest, and certain to please the specialist.

Estimated Value \$275-325

From the Benson collection and purchased as part of a type set of Commemorative half dollars from Ira S. Reed on February 15, 1944 for \$135.00.



- 1781 1936 York Half Dollar (4 pieces).** These grade MS-65 or better. A small hoard that has been together since the time of issue, held in the original cardboard holder, which is included in this lot and grades Good, with a small edge tear. The coins are toned with stunning tab toning, from decades of storage in this cardboard holder. Somehow this little group escaped the dipping days of the 1980s and 1990s, and sat quietly tucked away in a vault awaiting their recent discovery. Lot of 4 coins. Estimated Value \$750-UP



- 1782 1900 Lafayette Dollar. NGC graded MS-64.** This coin has the appearance of a stunning gem with gorgeous gold and blue around the edge, fading to antique silver at the centers. One tiny scrape on the boot, but clean surfaces elsewhere. Hard to find this nice, especially with such rich eye appeal. Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 1783 1900 Lafayette Dollar. PCGS graded MS-63.** Nice for the grade, this one boasts delicate toning at the rims and mint fresh luster in the fields. A typical strike for the issue, with weakness on the boot as nearly always seen.

Estimated Value \$850-950

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 28, 1944 for \$5.50.

- 1784 1900 Lafayette Dollar. AU-55.** Gold and pink toning and probably cleaned long ago. We note some stains behind Washington's head and others on Lafayette's, and these may have been caused by a rubber band or some other similar source.

Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on May 22, 1945

Commemorative Gold Coins



Enlarged

- 1785 1904 Lewis and Clark Dollar. PCGS graded AU-58.** A few faint hairlines and handling ticks from new, but no real wear noted on the high points.

Estimated Value \$400-500

Commemorative Coins

1905 Lewis and Clark Gold Dollar



Enlarged

- 1786 1905 Lewis and Clark Dollar. NGC graded MS-65.** In gem condition, this is the key issue in the popular 11 piece gold commemorative set. This satiny mint specimen is bursting with luster and delicate golden-olive mint bloom color. If you are looking for a gem example to fill out your commem set, you should carefully consider this little jewel.
Estimated Value \$10,000-UP



Enlarged

- 1787 1905 Lewis and Clark Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** Of all the small sized denomination Commemorative gold, the two Lewis and Clark issues are by far the most difficult to locate in gem or near gem grades. Well struck by the dies, with a few minor hairlines in the fields, but no other detriments.
Estimated Value \$4,000-4,500



Enlarged

- 1788 1905 Lewis and Clark Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** A high end coin for the grade with excellent luster, a strong strike and beautiful color and surfaces. This is one of the scarcer issues.
Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000



Enlarged

- 1789 1905 Lewis and Clark Dollar. NGC graded MS-63.** Nice and satiny, a high-end coin for the grade.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700



Enlarged

- 1790 1903 Louisiana Purchase-Jefferson Dollar. PCGS graded AU-58.** A few trivial hairlines, but this one still looks mint state to us. Check it out.
Estimated Value \$225-250

- 1791 1903 Louisiana Purchase-McKinley Dollar. AU-58.** Nice luster and with just a few minute handling marks.
Estimated Value \$225-275

From Superior Galleries Club Cal Neva Sale, September 1987, lot 4322.



Enlarged

- 1792 1916 McKinley Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** Sharply struck by the dies, including the reverse memorial building, and well preserved luster in the fields. Minor hairlines from a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$800-900

- 1793 1916 McKinley Dollar. MS-60+.** A few hairlines and surface ticks, but generally nice for the moderate grade.
Estimated Value \$300-350



Enlarged

- 1794 1917 McKinley Dollar. NGC graded MS-64.** A satiny mint beauty with a hint of light pinkish tone.
Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600



Enlarged

- 1795 1917 McKinley Dollar. PCGS graded MS-63.** Frosty luster and well preserved. Examination will note some minor hairlines, and the strike is average.
Estimated Value \$650-700

Commemorative Coins

- 1796 **1915-S Panama-Pacific Dollar. MS-60+.** Faint hairlines but no other problems on this sparkling little jewel. One of the most popular of the commemorative issues for its ground breaking designs and timeless beauty.
Estimated Value \$250-300



Enlarged

- 1797 **1915-S Panama-Pacific \$2.50. NGC graded MS-65.** A frosty mint gem specimen.
Estimated Value \$4,400-4,700



Enlarged

- 1798 **1915-S Panama-Pacific \$2.50. PCGS graded MS-64.** A better than average strike and unlike many, even in this high state of preservation, this Pan Pac quarter eagle is fully lustrous.
Estimated Value \$3,000-3,500



Reduced

- 1799 **1915-S Panama-Pacific Presidential signing pen.** This is one of the official pens used by President Taft to sign the legislation authorizing the Panama Pacific International Exposition in 1915, the pen grades **Very Fine or so.** An historic relic of one of the most important expositions seen in this country. The pen is housed in a special velvet case which shows some wear, but inside the colors are bright, and the jeweler's stamp on the inside cover reads N.M. Kirshner, Reliable Jeweler, 413 W. 8th Street, Los Angeles, CAL. The pen itself is engraved OFFICIAL PEN USED BY PRESIDENT TAFT IN SIGNING THE P.P.I.E. BILL. Note that the pen has traces of ink at the base, and is further engraved in small letters: "Official Souvenir P.P.I.E. 1915 Reg. Off. Sec. State Cal." This pen would make a delightful companion piece to a copper frame set of the Panama Pacific Exposition coins, especially with the unusual silver medal offered with the silver commemoratives from this Exposition. Undoubtedly rare and seldom offered.
Estimated Value \$200-UP



- 1800 **1915-S Panama-Pacific International Exposition Silver Token.** The token grades **Extremely Fine.** We've never seen anything like this, the token is apparently silver, with one side showing a nicely engraved rampant bear with his snout just about touching the date 1915, the other side has a similar well engraved walking bear with the initials PPIE for the San Francisco Pacific PanAmerican International Exposition. The surfaces are toned with an antique gray color and the rim is plain (not reeded). A simple design, but no doubt historically important with the California bear and the reference to the Exposition. Something that is definitely worth some research, as it is certainly very unusual.
Estimated Value \$100-UP



Enlarged

- 1801 **1926 Sesquicentennial \$2.50. PCGS graded MS-64.** Gorgeous deep golden toning further enhances the eye appeal of this satiny mint beauty.
Estimated Value \$750-850
- 1802 **1926 Sesquicentennial \$2.50. NGC graded MS-64.** Nice and frosty, a very choice example.
Estimated Value \$700-750
- 1803 **1926 Sesquicentennial \$2.50. MS-60.** We note a couple of edge dings on the reverse.
Estimated Value \$200-250

- 1804 **1915-S Panama-Pacific Copper Frame and Original Shipping Box.** No coins are included for this single set of five pieces. **The frame is in excellent condition and the original white box is in poor condition, with some minor tears at the corners.** An extraordinary item, and one of the first we've seen that included the original shipping box. Many collectors purchase the frame, then assemble the coins, putting back together one of the most popular sets ever issued by the United States Mint. We expect substantial bidder interest on this frame and box.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,500

Modern Commemorative Coins

- 1805 **1984 PDS Olympic Gold Set.** Each of these coins grades **Brilliant Proof.** They have been removed from the original government packaging but retain their wonderful frosted devices and pristine mirror fields. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$550-600

Commemorative Coins

- 1806 1984-W 2 pieces of Los Angeles Olympic Eagle \$10.00 gold coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$275-300
- 1807 1986-W Statue of Liberty \$5.00 gold commemoratives. One grades Proof, the other Mint State.** Both have been removed from the original Mint packaging and are basically as struck. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1808 1987-W. Constitution \$5.00 Gold Commemorative. PCGS graded Proof 68.** Vibrant yellow gold toning which is quite unusual on this recent issue. Near perfect surfaces and one for the toned coin lover.
Estimated Value \$150-175
- 1809 1987-W. \$5.00 Constitution coin. A pair of this issue, one grades Proof, the other Mint State.** Both have been removed from the original government packaging. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1810 1988-W. Pair of Olympic \$5.00 gold coins. One grades Proof, the other Mint State.** Both have been removed from the original government packaging. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1811 1989-W. Congressional \$5.00 gold commemoratives. One grades Mint State, the other Proof.** Both have been removed from the original government packaging, but are pretty much as struck. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 1812 1991-W 2 pieces of Mt. Rushmore Anniversary \$5.00 gold coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-225



- 1813 1992-S. Silver Round. NGC graded Proof 69.** Here is one for the toned coin specialist, the obverse boasts staggering quantities of rich blue at the edge and fields, the famous Walking Liberty glows with yellow gold that rivals a sunset, the reverse is toned a brilliant yellow gold throughout. A stunning, beautiful coin that will warm the cockles of your numismatic heart. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$350-UP
- 1814 1992-W 2 pieces of Columbus Quincentenary \$5.00 gold commemorative coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-225
- 1815 1992-W 2 pieces of Olympic Games \$5.00 gold coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$175-200

- 1816 1993-W 2 pieces of World War II 50th Anniversary \$5.00 gold commemorative coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 1817 1993-W 2 pieces of the Bill of Rights \$5.00 gold commemorative coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$175-225
- 1818 1994-W 2 pieces of World Cup 1994 USA \$5.00 gold commemorative coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-225
- 1819 1995-W 2 pieces of Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games Olympic Stadium \$5.00 gold coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 1820 1995-W 2 pieces of Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games Torch Runner \$5.00 gold coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$250-300
- 1821 1995-W 2 pieces of Civil War Battlefield \$5.00 gold commemorative coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$175-225
- 1822 1996-W. Smithsonian Institution 150th Anniversary \$5.00 gold commemorative coins. One of each grading Uncirculated and Proof.** Both are in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$450-550
- 1823 1996-W 2 pieces of Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games Flag Bearer \$5.00 gold coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$400-450
- 1824 1997-W. \$100 Platinum 1 oz. coin. ANACS graded Proof 68 Heavy Cameo.** The obverse has the head of the Statue of Liberty, the reverse with an eagle flying with the sun behind. Gorgeous quality. No doubt rare with the heavy cameo designation.
Estimated Value \$500-600
- 1825 1997-W 2 pieces of Jackie Robinson \$5.00 gold commemorative coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,100
- 1826 1997-W 2 pieces of Atlanta Olympic Cauldron \$5.00 gold commemorative coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$400-450
- 1827 1997-W 2 pieces of Franklin D. Roosevelt \$5.00 gold commemorative coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated.** Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$350-400
- 1828 1997 Statue of Liberty Platinum issues.** There are 2 1997-W one-tenth ounce platinum pieces, the first remains in the small round plastic coin holder from the Mint and is proof, the second one is PCGS graded PR-69 and next is a \$25 quarter ounce platinum Statue of Liberty coin, 1997 which is PCGS graded MS-68. Three to put away for Y3K. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$225-275

Commemorative Coins and California Fractional Gold

- 1829 1999-W 2 pieces of George Washington \$5.00 gold commemorative coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated. In the original two coin box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-225
- 1830 2000-W 2 pieces of Library of Congress bimetallic \$10.00 gold/platinum commemorative coins. One Proof and one Uncirculated. Each in the original box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,200
- 1831 2001-W A pair of \$. gold Capitol Visitor Center commemoratives. One grades Proof, the other Uncirculated. Both are in the original small round plastic holder, and include the certificate of issue, but not any other packaging. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 1832 A dealers lot of certified silver eagles. The following are included: 1986-S PCGS MS-68; 1986 PCGS PF-69; 1987-S PCGS PF-68; 1989 ICG MS-69; 1990-S PCGS PF-68; 1991 PCGS MS-68; 1992 PCGS MS-67 (2 pieces) and 1992 PCGS MS-68; 1992-S PCGS PF-68; 1993 PCGS MS-67; 1993 PCGS MS-68; 1993 ICG MS-67; 1994 PCGS MS-66; 1995 PCGS MS-68; 1997 PCGS MS-68; 1997 PCGS PF-69 ultra cameo proof; 1998 PCGS MS-69; 1998 PCGS MS-68; 1998 PCGS MS-67; 1999 PCGS MS-69; 1999 PCGS MS-68; 1999 PCGS MS-66; 1999 ANACS MS-66; 2000 NGC MS-69 (4 pieces); 2000 ICG MS-69; 2000-P NGC PR-69 Ultra Cameo (3 pieces) and 2000 ANACS MS-69. A total of 33 pieces.
Estimated Value \$300-400
- 1833 A group of modern commemoratives. This lot includes mostly modern commemorative coins, as well as a couple of regular commemorative half dollars. All are slabbed MS-60 to 69, and some are gem proofs, dates from 1925 to 1995. Lot of 23 pieces.
Estimated Value \$250-350

Territorial Gold Coin

Rare Christopher Bechtler, \$2.50 Georgia, 64 gr. 22 carats



Enlarged

- 1834 Christopher Bechtler, \$2.50 GEORGIA, 64 gr. 22 carats, Kagin-11, Rarity-6. Sharpness of EF-45 or better. This one has been lightly burnished some time in the past, and is still rather bright. Decent surfaces otherwise, and a rare coin which is seldom offered. Boldly struck by the dies, which show a few of the usual cracks seen on this die pairing, and still appealing overall.
Estimated Value \$6,000-7,000

California Fractional Gold

One Of The Finest Graded Kellogg-Humbert Style Reverse BG-501s



Enlarged

- 1835 No Date (1853). BG-501, R-5+. Octagonal Liberty Gold Dollar. PCGS graded MS-63. One of the finest graded of this important Frontier & Deviercy issue that has the Kellogg-Humbert style eagle reverse. Although no date is present on the coin, research shows that it was coined in 1853. Further, PCGS has graded a total of 34 of this variety, with only 5 this high, with none graded higher, making this tied for the finest seen by that service! We note it is identifiable by a small semi circle of tiny planchet flaws on Liberty's cheek, and a minute copper spot in the field before her mouth. Sharply struck for this is a later die state with a faint crack through the right end of the ribbon, and this is not reported in the Breen Gillio reference. Certainly an opportunity for the advanced specialist of California Fractional Gold.
Estimated Value \$4,000-UP

California Fractional Gold

One Of The Finest Graded BG-501 Gold Dollars



Enlarged

- 1836** No Date (1853). BG-501, R-5+. Octagonal Liberty Gold Dollar. PCGS graded MS-63. One of the finest graded of this important variety, PCGS has only graded 5 this high, with none graded higher! Further, this one is housed in an old green insert PCGS holder. Popular because of the reverse motif, with the Kellogg style eagle with ribbon familiar to territorial gold collectors. Liberty's hair is sharp, and her cheek is clean. On the reverse we note some minor hairlines under GOLD in the field, and a die crack from the tip of the right ribbon end to the rim below. Worth a strong bid and very difficult to locate in top grades. Featured on Doering's cover for good reason. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$4,000-UP

Purchased privately from Jay Roe in 1990.



Enlarged

- 1837** Two California Gold souvenir obverse dies, dated "1855" and "1858" plus "1859" coin. Contained in a custom piece of Lucite, the two obverse dies show identical heads of Liberty, each surrounded by 13 large stars, and the date below. Both dies show extensive cracks and rust, and one shows a retained cud through the lower stars. Also included is a single "1859" dated gold coin, evidently made by a very similar die, the reverse states CALIFORNIA GOLD, within the large wreath, and a five pointed star is noted at the center. These were available up to the 1960s although we are uncertain of their origins. The edge of the coin is plain. These dies and coins were struck as souvenirs and sold to collectors.

Estimated Value \$500-UP



Enlarged

- 1838** 1852. BG-401, R-4. Round Liberty Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64. A scarce issue from Frontier & Deviercy, one which is seldom found so exceptional. The surfaces and quite frosty, and the strike is good for the issue. We note that all the stars are full, and Liberty shows good detail too, with the only trivial weakness on the top of the 5 of the date at the center of the reverse. Yellow gold in color and a delight for the specialist. PCGS has graded 5 this high, with just 2 graded higher (both MS-65), making this one of the best around of the variety.

Estimated Value \$400-500

California Fractional Gold

Choice 1853 BG-302 "Peacock reverse"



Enlarged

- 1839 1853. BG-302, R-5. "Peacock reverse". Octagonal Liberty Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-63.** One of the finest of this popular variety, PCGS notes just 16 graded this high, with 11 graded higher for the variety. This one is toned with coppery hues and is mounted in an old green insert PCGS holder. Well struck for the variety, and we note this is the early die state before the cud formed over the right obverse star. In feverish demand for the unusual reverse design, which is a small eagle with rays behind (like the quarters and half dollars of 1853), the rays have the appearance of a peacock with his tail feathers spread, hence the name. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

Beautiful State Arms of California Issue



Enlarged

- 1840 1853. BG-435, R-5. State Arms of California. Round Liberty Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** A classic example of this highly desirable issue. Mint fresh luster throughout, with slightly prooflike fields on the obverse. Boldly struck by the dies, and quite well preserved. An excellent coin for the grade in every way. One faint coppery spot right of the eagle's beak may help trace the pedigree.

It is not known who struck these, but they are almost certainly a Period One issue (1852-56). The State Arms of California shows a draped and helmeted Liberty, holding a spear and shield with a bear at her side. On the reverse, an eagle with outstretched wings, holding a scroll in its beak, with a shield in one claw, and a branch in the other, encircled by the inscription CALIFORNIA GOLD HALF DOLLAR. Needless to say, this is an extremely important type issue, and one that is rare in high grades. In a recent PCGS Population Report we see that 5 have been graded this high, with 2 graded higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000



Enlarged

- 1841 1856. BG-311, R-4. Octagonal Liberty Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** Lovely color and clean surfaces for this issue, and very choice indeed. Liberty's head is well frosted, and the fields retain their mirror polish from the original finish work on the dies. Sharply defined throughout. This appears to be an early die state, but it is impossible to tell as the PCGS holder covers over the edges where the die breaks first appear. PCGS notes only 2 coins graded this high of the variety, with none graded higher! A foremost opportunity for the advanced specialist.

Estimated Value \$1,000-UP

California Fractional Gold



Enlarged

- 1842 1867. BG-709, R-5. Octagonal Liberty Quarter Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** As Jay Roe says, "This is the best made of the large Liberty Head types", and as Breen notes, "which isn't saying much" an interesting dialogue that has kept numismatics amusing. On this particular example, we note excellent contrast between the frosty devices and the mirror fields, and the coin boasts a delightful rich yellow gold color. As to the die execution, the stars are somewhat crude, and Liberty's head is a bit large and forbidding, with an athlete's neck to support her. Note the reverse die alignment is 180 degrees from a normal coin. PCGS has graded 16 this high, with 32 graded higher. Estimated Value \$200-250

Choice Mint State 1870 BG-1203 Round Liberty Gold Dollar



Enlarged

- 1843 1870. BG-1203, R-5. Round Liberty Gold Dollar. PCGS graded MS-63.** Prooflike fields on both sides and well struck for this issue. These gold dollars were coined by Robert B. Gray & Co., and signed with a small "G" below the truncation of Liberty, just above the date. There are some minute hairlines and these probably account for the grade, and we note a small hazy toning spot just above Liberty's head behind her coronet. This is the later die state with the light crack through the center of the reverse. Always popular and rare this nice, PCGS in their Population Report show 6 graded this high with just 2 graded higher (both MS-64). Color photo. Estimated Value \$3,500-4,500

Purchased from Jay Roe in February 1989.



Enlarged

- 1844 1871. BG-813, R-4. Round Liberty Quarter Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** Bold and beautiful, with full frost on the devices and mirror fields around. This is an early die state, with the so called "broken nose" on Liberty from die polishing. These were struck by Frontier & Co. PCGS has graded 9 this high, with a single coin graded higher. Another opportunity for the specialist. Estimated Value \$500-UP



Enlarged

- 1845 1871. BG-1104, High R-5. Octagonal Liberty Gold Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** A gorgeous example from Frontier & Co. that is boldly struck from an early die state, although the reeding is difficult to see in the holder. One faint toning speck just below the bust, and another between the last pair of stars should help to identify this one. PCGS has graded 7 this high, with just 2 graded higher, making this well up in the condition census for the variety. Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500

Purchased from Jay Roe privately in March 1989.



Enlarged

- 1846 1872. BG-722, R-4. Washington Head. Round Liberty Quarter Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** One of the most popular of all designs of California Fractional Gold, the Washington obverse by Frontier & Bellemere was believed to have been struck from the Peace Jubilee Exposition. Washington remained an enormously popular figure in America then, as he remains today. Further, these coins boast excellent contrast between the frosty devices and the mirror fields, making them quite handsome to behold. The stars are sharply engraved in the die, and well struck here, as are the balance of the devices. We note a trace of a die crack through the tops of CAL. Sharply struck by the dies, and with hazy gold toning on both sides. On the PCGS insert the coin is identified as a BG-818, but it should be a BG-722. Estimated Value \$750-1,000

California Fractional Gold



Enlarged

- 1847 1872. BG-818, R-5. Washington Head. Round Liberty Quarter Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** One of the most popular designs of the entire series, the Washington head only occurs on a few die pairings by Frontier & Bellemere. On the round quarter eagles, it was only used on BG-818. Frosty gold luster on the devices, the fields are a bit reflective and toned with hazy gold accents. Breen speculates that these were struck for the Peace Jubilee Exposition. As to the strike, it is sharp on Washington, but there is some trivial weakness on the 4 of the denomination. PCGS has graded just 14 this high, with 2 graded higher, making this one of the around. An important opportunity for the specialist.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500

Purchased from Jay Roe in October 1990.



Enlarged

- 1848 1872. BG-818, R-5. Washington Head. Round Liberty Quarter Dollar. PCGS graded MS-65.** This rare Washington obverse was engraved by Frontier & Bellemere, likely for the Peace Jubilee Exposition. Few have been found in gem grades, but this is one of them! This particular coin is well struck, with the five pointed stars all full and complete including some that show recutting, and Washington himself is well executed, save for his eye which is a series of lines, and his ear is a lump. On the reverse, we note weakness at the centers, but all lettering and devices are present. Excellent gold color and well preserved throughout. PCGS has graded just 14 this high with 2 graded higher of this very important and popular Washington issue.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500

Purchased from Jay Roe privately in October 1989.

Choice 1872 BG-1208 One Dollar Gold Token



Enlarged

- 1849 1872. BG-1208, High R-6. Round Indian Gold Dollar. PCGS graded MS-63.** One of the finest of this very rare issue, of which perhaps 20 are known (PCGS reports a total 15 graded). The fields are prooflike, and the strike bold in every way. Although research has yet to determine the maker of these, it may have been Herman J. Brand. One aspect that is extremely important is that this is the only issue in the series that declares itself a "token". Excellent gold color and abundant frost on the devices. Problem free surfaces, with few signs of handling and no problematic hairlines. PCGS has only graded 3 this high, with a single coin graded higher as MS-64. Don't miss this one if you are a specialist. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From Bowers and Merena's Virgil Brand sale, and Brand's inventory number 93,133, and from a later Bowers and Merena sale, unknown date, lot 1820.



Enlarged

- 1850 1874 BG-1124, R-5. Octagonal Indian Gold Dollar. PCGS graded MS-62.** Golden in color with most of the luster intact in the fields. We note a few wispy hairlines on the reverse, and these must account for the grade, as there is little else wrong with the coin. Identifiable by two small ticks below the 8 in the date, and somewhat weakly struck on the central reverse devices. All gold dollars are rare, and this one is no exception. PCGS has graded 8 as such, with 15 graded higher.

Estimated Value \$750-1,000

California Fractional Gold



Enlarged

- 1851 1874. BG-876, R-5. Round Indian Quarter Dollar. PCGS graded MS-63.** Prooflike in the obverse fields, less so on the reverse. We note a faint scratch down Liberty's face and a few similar surface marks at the upper right center of the reverse. Strong clash marks from the stars visible on the wreath. Typical die state, with a bisecting reverse crack and clashed dies. Great color overall.

Estimated Value \$200-250



Enlarged

- 1852 1874. BG-958, High R-6. Octagonal Indian Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** This is one of the very rare backdated issues from an unknown maker, but possibly Herman J. Brand. All of these are rare and seldom encountered. Prooflike fields, and this is an early die state with stars six and seven touching feathers, and the wreath touching the D on the reverse. The reverse has some dark toning flecks through the center mostly on the devices but also in part of the fields surrounding. This may have been as struck. Here is one of the finest seen, PCGS notes just 5 graded this high, with 2 graded higher out of a total population they've seen of 13 coins.

Estimated Value \$700-900



Enlarged

- 1853 1874/3. BG-1052, R-5. Round Indian Half Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** Deeply prooflike in the fields and boldly struck by the dies. This variety has the curious die scratch from the third star to Liberty's chin, where the engraver slipped and left a long mark on the obverse die. We also note a die crack from the rim through the fourth feather (counting from the top) nearly to Liberty's ear. The reverse die shows clash marks from the stars in the wreath. PCGS notes 8 graded this high, with a single coin graded higher, making this well up in the Condition Census for the variety.

Estimated Value \$300-400



Enlarged

- 1854 1875. BG-1125, R-6. Octagonal Indian Gold Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** An important issue thought to have been coined by Herman J. Brand. The new obverse die (first use) was paired with an old reverse die, which has cracked and broken badly, especially at the top. Only a few were struck before the reverse die was discarded, and a new reverse die was paired with this obverse (BG-1126). Rich gold colors over the mirror fields, and well frosted. A few stray hairlines in the fields, but they are light and only visible at certain angles. All gold dollars are rare and always in strong demand. PCGS has graded 12 this high of the variety, and just a single coin higher (MS-65) of a total of 31 graded in all. A rare issue that will certainly attract considerable attention.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500



Enlarged

- 1855 1880. BG-799J, R-4. Octagonal Indian Quarter Dollar. PCGS graded MS-64.** Prooflike mirror fields and frosted devices. Gleaming gold color and very choice. One coppery toned area on Liberty's cheek, and a long thin hairline before Liberty's face in the field. On the reverse we note a crease in the field left of the denomination, and this may have been mint caused. PCGS has graded 30 this high, with 32 graded higher.

Estimated Value \$300-400

- 1856 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition quarter and half coins in gold. This pair grades MS-65, Prooflike.** Both are frosty and original, the obverse shows a Fleur Di Lis with L.P.E. stamped on the extremities, the reverse has LOUISIANA GOLD with a fraction of the denomination at the center. Flashy and bright. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$150-200

Purchased from a Coin Galleries Sale, July 14, 1993, lot 2856.

- 1857 A 10 coin type set of Souvenir California gold. These grade uncirculated.** Both round and octagonal tokens are included, two are dollar sized, four are half dollar sized and four are quarter sized. Mounted in a small Lucite holder. Lot of 10 tokens.

Estimated Value \$100-200

Gold Dollars

Gold Type Set

A Lovely Twelve Piece Gold Type Set

- 1858 12 Piece Gold Type Set.** The following coins are included in this delightful set, which is mounted in a Capital Plastics holder: One dollar gold coins: 1853 Type I; 1854 Type II; 1889 Type III; quarter eagles: 1903 and 1915; \$3 gold: 1878; half eagles: 1900 and 1909-D; eagles: 1893 and 1932; double eagles: 1904 and 1924. These graded AU-58 and better. We note an old PCGS paper insert for the type II gold dollar which graded MS-61. Lot of 12 coins.
Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

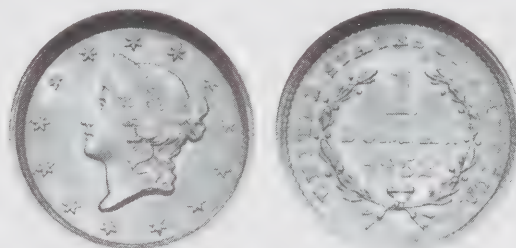
\$1 Liberty

- 1859 1851. PCGS graded MS-63.** Flashy luster in the fields and the surfaces are generally clean. Weakly struck at the centers. This one is housed in the old small style PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$250-300



Enlarged

- 1860 1851-O. PCGS graded MS-63.** This is lovely example of the date. First off, the fields are prooflike, and the dies were carefully prepared. Toned with antique copper hues. At a glance, one would assume this is a very early strike, but upon examination one sees a die crack from the upper rim down to nearly the curl on Liberty's forehead below her crown. Another horizontal crack is seen from the rim to above her eye and to the rim through the points of a star opposite. Sharply struck throughout, and one wonders if this may have been a branch mint proof, although none are reported. PCGS has graded 23 this high, and 19 higher, all MS-64.
Estimated Value \$1,800-2,200



Enlarged

- 1861 1852. NGC graded MS-64.** Delicate golden-orange mint color.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250
- 1862 1852. MS-60+.** Sharply impressed by the dies, but there are some minor hairlines visible with a glass.
Estimated Value \$200-250



Enlarged

- 1863 1853. NGC graded MS-64.** A brilliant frosty mint specimen.
Estimated Value \$750-800
- 1864 1853. MS-60.** Minor ticks from handling, but well struck.
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 1865 1853 (6 pieces).** These grade AU-50 to 55. A common date, and good for type collectors. Lot of 6 coins.
Estimated Value \$900-1,000

\$1 Indian Type 2



Enlarged

- 1866 1854. Accugrade graded MS-63 our grade MS-60+.** The surfaces were probably lightly cleaned long ago, and the coin has an even gold tone throughout with minor hairlines. One tiny tick in the left obverse field, and the strike is decent for this issue. Struck from lightly clashed dies, as are most.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000



Enlarged

- 1867 1854. PCGS graded MS-62.** A trifle softly struck up on Liberty's hair yet the surfaces are nice and frosty throughout. Always in demand for inclusion in a 12 piece gold type set.
Estimated Value \$4,000-4,500

Gold Dollars



Enlarged

- 1868 1854. NGC graded MS-61.** Struck from clashed dies as are most of this scarce issue. Apparently the mints had a hard time feeding in these tiny planchets, and most one dollar gold pieces show clash marks, sometimes multiple sets as seen here, where the dies came together without a planchet between them. Bright luster and rich gold in color, with the usual handling ticks from transport during its initial years after coining. Scarce and always in demand, the Type 2 gold piece has a low mintage and few were saved in mint state grades, keeping the pricing pressure high on this issue.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000



Enlarged

- 1869 1854. PCGS graded MS-60.** This rare Type II gold dollar has a few minor handling marks, but it still comes in under the wire as a Mint State example. Good luster and struck from clashed dies, as are most.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,400



Enlarged

- 1870 1855. PCGS graded MS-62.** Good luster and well struck on all save for the tops of the numerals in the date. This one is housed in the old small style PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$4,000-UP



Enlarged

- 1871 1855. NGC graded MS-61.** A lustrous specimen with light clash marks as made.
Estimated Value \$2,200-2,600

\$1 Indian Type 3



Enlarged

- 1872 1856. Large head, slant 5. NGC graded MS-64.** A very choice frosty mint specimen with nearly immaculate surfaces throughout.
Estimated Value \$750-800



Enlarged

- 1873 1862. NGC graded MS-64.** Nice satiny mint surfaces and well struck.
Estimated Value \$700-800



Enlarged

- 1874 1862. PCGS graded MS-63.** Bright luster in the fields and well struck. We note a couple of handling ticks in the fields on both sides, accounting for the grade.
Estimated Value \$625-700

- 1875 1862. MS-60+.** Decent color and surfaces.
Estimated Value \$250-300

Gold Dollars

One Of The Finest Graded 1864 Gold Dollars



Enlarged

- 1876 1864. PCGS graded MS-68.** One of the finest graded of the date, and entire series, for that matter! The surfaces are pristine, and show virtually no signs of contact with other coins. Rich with blazing luster, and the surfaces are a pleasing yellow gold color. Fully struck for this date, with no signs of weakness on either side. Struck from a lightly clashed obverse die, with outlines from the wreath seen in the fields. PCGS has graded 3 this high, with a single coin graded higher from the original mintage of just 5,900 pieces. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$17,000-22,000

- 1877 1874. MS-60+.** A few light hairlines but no real surface problems for this date.
Estimated Value \$200-300
- 1878 1874. MS-60.** Frosty luster but weak on the C of AMERICA as usual.
Estimated Value \$200-250



Enlarged

- 1879 1885. NGC graded MS-66.** A splendid little jewel! Well struck and satiny with slightly reflective fields. We note a slight bulge in the planchet below STATES as struck. Delicate gold-en-orange and pale olive overtones further adds to its appeal.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,700
- 1880 1856, 1857 (2 pieces), 1873 and 1874.** These grade AU-50 to 55. Lot of 5 coins.
Estimated Value \$750-850

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Classic No Stars 1796 Quarter Eagle



Enlarged



Enlarged

- 1881 1796. No stars on obverse, Breen-1. PCGS graded AU-53.** A lovely example from the famous Harry Bass, Jr. Collection. The cameo obverse design was quickly abandoned as the devices wore after just limited circulation, this caused by the open fields. Once stars were added later in 1796, the central devices wore more slowly. On this particular coin the curls on Liberty show some definition, and as nearly always seen the E of LIBERTY is weak (as it was opposite the eagle's tail). On the reverse there is an old scrape across the eagle's breast, and a few other minor imperfections from circulation and handling. Perhaps 100 are known of the original 963 struck, and this one is likely in the top half or even higher. PCGS has graded 8 as such, with 44 as AU-55 and AU-58 combined, and only 3 graded as Mint State above. An important type coin as these were only struck in the early part of 1796, and they are the first quarter eagles issued by the United States. Always in high demand by collectors. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$40,000-50,000

From Bowers & Merena's Harry Bass, Jr., collection Sale, October 1999, lot 262; earlier from Glendening's sale of October, 1970, lot 884.

Choice 1806 6 over 4 Quarter Eagle



Enlarged



Enlarged

- 1882 1806. 6 over 4, Breen-1. NGC graded MS-63.** Here is one finest graded of this date and variety! NGC has only graded 2 this high, with none graded higher. Further, PCGS has not graded any higher than MS-62, confirming that this is likely one of the best to survive. The obverse has minor adjustment marks which are present in Liberty's hair, and the reverse strike is somewhat weak at the center (typical of the issue). Minor hairlines can be seen in the prooflike and delicate fields. Sharp on the stars and other peripheral devices. We note a minor planchet flake left of the O in OF and a tiny lint mark in the field just in front of Liberty's uppermost curl above her forehead. This one is a fairly early die state with a faint crack through the tops of LIBERTY and a hint of a crack in the left obverse stars. A foremost rarity in this grade, and worthy of the finest quarter eagle collection. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$60,000-80,000

The Finest Graded 1806 7X6 Stars



Enlarged



1883 1806. 6 over 5, Breen-2, Rarity-5+. The Finest graded. NGC graded MS-63. Rich golden color combines with the original mint luster to create a visually appealing example of this extremely rare coin. PCGS has not graded any as high as MS-60 as of yet, while NGC has graded 4 in grades below this one, but this is the sole MS-63 graded, and of course, there are none graded higher. One must conclude that this is the finest graded, and quite possibly the finest known of this extremely rare date. It has long been reported that only 480 of these were coined, and with a survival rate of less than 5 percent, perhaps 25 have survived in all grades. Both NGC and PCGS have each graded 9 examples of this rare coin, for a total of 18 between them, and given some likely duplication, the actual number could be closer to 12 to 15. This die pairing has a unique feature, both dies were used to coin 1805 quarter eagles, then when the new year rolled around, some attentive engraver took the obverse die off the shelf, punched in a large 6 over the 5, and started coining more quarter eagles! The dies are quickly identifiable by a long dentil just below the outer point of the ninth star, a faint die crack or clash mark (clouds) at the top of the 806 in the date, and a die crack from the fifth star to the tops of LIB. These cracks are also present on some 1805 examples, so it is indeed likely that the 1806 coins were struck after the 1805. In other instances the Mint coined post dated coins. On the reverse, the eleventh star (middle star on the right, just above the scroll) is boldly double punched, and the leaves touch the middle of the C and right center post of the I of AMERICA. The strike is decent, but shows minor weakness on Liberty's central hair, on the scroll and area surrounding the eagle's neck. No doubt the dies were worn by the time this one was coined, and striking quality varied from variety to variety on these. Identifiable by a tiny scratch between the twelfth and thirteenth stars near the dentils. Currently in NGC holder #623014-001. An incredible example of this very rare coin and worthy of a king's ransom, for once it is sold, it may be off the market for many years to come. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$110,000-130,000

\$2.50 Gold

Mint State 1807 Quarter Eagle



Enlarged



Enlarged

- 1884 1807. Breen 1-A, Rarity-3+. NGC graded MS-62.** Reflective fields and generally clean surfaces for the grade. Rich golden color on both sides, we note some light coppery toned areas on the upper devices, and these help offset the design elements from the fields. This one has some softness in the strike, as always seen on this date, but most elements are sharp, with just one star weak on the reverse above the eagle. Rare in all grades, 6,812 were struck which actually makes this the most "common" date Capped Bust quarter eagle, but when one considers how few are known of any of these dates, all remain quite rare, especially in mint state grades. This is an early die state with no trace of the crack through the date or left hand stars. We note that the 1 is firmly connected to Liberty's curl, while the 7 just touches both the bust, and the 0 next to it. The reverse die was used to coin some 1805 and 1806 7X6 stars coins, with the same 11th star (middle star just above the scroll on the right side as you face the eagle) broadly recut. Minor adjustment marks, some on the eagle's breast, others on the rims on the left side. On the obverse, we note that the one star point is broken at the end. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$20,000-25,000

\$2.50 Capped Head

Choice and Desirable 1831 Quarter Eagle



Enlarged



Enlarged

- 1885 1831. PCGS graded MS-63.** A mostly well struck example with Liberty's hair locks fully defined and all of the stars are complete. As usual, a trifle soft at the eagle's right shoulder as made. The surfaces are choice and exhibit considerable proof-likeness on both sides. All is enhanced by some rich coppery-golden toning about the peripheries. A superb example for the Reduced Size Capped Bust design. PCGS has graded 8 this high, with 12 graded higher.

Estimated Value \$14,000-16,000

\$2.50 Gold

\$2.50 Classic Head

A Knockout 1839-C Quarter Eagle



Enlarged



- 1886 1839-C. PCGS graded AU-58.** A classic example of this rare date. The coin is toned with rich orange gold hues throughout, and frosty luster remains in abundance. Further, this is the rare recut date variety, which is less common than the overdate 1839/38-C. Breen estimates that the overdate comprised of 10,740 coins, and this scarcer recut date variety only 7,400 coins. The reverse die cracked early, and had to be discarded, and this is an earlier die state with the long crack through the eagle's beak just starting to show, and it continues down through the first 2 in the denomination. Another reverse crack is seen running above the left wing of the eagle. This one is well struck, but the central radial lines on the stars are flat. There are two marks worth describing, the first is a thin pin scratch from Liberty's bust up into the field to the rim between the second and third star, and on the reverse there is a minor dig in the shield. Neither of these marks are distracting. PCGS has graded 8 this high, with just 2 graded higher (both MS-61), which easily qualifies this specimen as one of the top dozen seen by that service. Worthy of a top notch Charlotte gold specialty set, or a comprehensive date set of high grade quarter eagles. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$7,000-9,000

\$2.50 Coronet Type

- 1887 1856. PCGS graded AU-55.** Minor handling marks and a few hairlines in the fields.
- Estimated Value \$175-200



- 1888 1856-C. Sharpness of AU-50 but repaired.** This coin has been repaired by someone smoothing a scratch in the left obverse field, or buffing down that area and then attempting to hide the work done by buffing the area further. The reverse also has areas of porosity surrounding the devices. Certainly a coin to be inspected, as this is a rare date and many aren't this nice.
- Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500



- 1889 1856-O. PCGS graded AU-58.** Well struck with plenty of mint color intact.
- Estimated Value \$1,750-2,000



Enlarged



- 1890 1858-C. ICG graded MS-62.** One of the finest graded by any of the grading services, both NGC and PCGS have each graded 1 coin higher, both as MS-63. In this grade about 24 have been graded. This coin boasts rich golden luster in the fields, with a dark streak of toning in the right wing as you face the eagle. Sharply struck by the dies, with strong details on Liberty and on all but the uppermost feathers of the eagle. Mintages were a scant 9,056 that year from Charlotte, and Breen notes that as a date 1858-C is "prohibitively rare uncirculated." and also they are usually "weak in centers". An important opportunity for the specialist.
- Estimated Value \$12,000-15,000

\$2.50 Gold



- 1891 1878. NGC graded MS-64.** A splendid frosty mint specimen with virtually immaculate surfaces. An attractive light golden-orange in color.
Estimated Value \$900-1,100
- 1892 1878. NGC graded MS-63.** We note a few unimportant hairlines and random surface scratches from a higher grade. Radiant luster and well struck.
Estimated Value \$600-700
- 1893 1878-S. EF-40.** Minor circulation marks, but still nice for the grade.
Estimated Value \$125-150
- 1894 1888. AU-50.** Nice color and surfaces, with a touch of weakness at the central obverse.
Estimated Value \$200-225
- 1895 1896. AU-58.** Good color, and nearly mint state.
Estimated Value \$175-200



- 1896 1898. PCGS graded Proof 63 Deep Cameo.** Beautiful cameo contrast which is further enhanced by a film of light golden-orange tone. One of only 165 proofs struck.
Estimated Value \$3,700-4,400



- 1897 1901. PCGS graded MS-64.** Nearly a gem, but we note on small nick at the top point of the fourth star. A lot of eye appeal for the grade.
Estimated Value \$550-600
- 1898 1903. PCGS graded MS-63.** Sharply struck and light copper toning.
Estimated Value \$475-525



- 1899 1905. NGC graded MS-65.** An exquisite little jewel. Boldly struck and satiny with hues of light olive and golden-orange mint bloom color. If you desire a gem quality Liberty quarter eagle, here is one you should consider.
Estimated Value \$900-1,000
- 1900 1905. PCGS graded MS-64.** Luscious mint bloom color.
Estimated Value \$500-750



- 1901 1905. PCGS graded MS-63.** Fresh mint luster but we note some minor surface marks on the upper right reverse.
Estimated Value \$450-500
- 1902 1907. NGC graded MS-63.** Well struck, but we note some reeding marks on the cheek.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 1903 1902, 1903 and 1904. Each grades MS-60 or better.** Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$600-700

\$2.50 Indian Type

- 1904 1908. MS-60.** A few handling lines, popular as the first year of issue.
Estimated Value \$200-250



- 1905 1909. PCGS graded MS-64.** A sparkling beauty with remarkably clean surfaces.
Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400
- 1906 1911. NGC graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$500-600

The Key Date 1911-D \$2.50 Indian



- 1907 1911-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** A nice bold strike with a sharp, fully defined mint mark. This key date example shimmers with completely undisturbed frosty mint luster and is further enhanced by its rich golden-orange mint bloom color. This beauty should stir considerable collector interest.
Estimated Value \$10,000-13,000

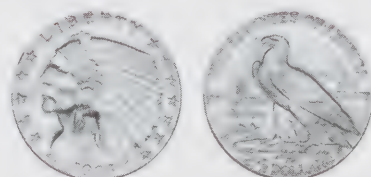
- 1908 1925-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** A splendid beauty! In a first generation PCGS slab.
Estimated Value \$700-900
- 1909 1925-D. NGC graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$500-600
- 1910 1925-D and 1927. The first grades MS-60, the second AU-55.** A nice pair. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$350-400

\$2.50 Gold

- 1911 1926. **PCGS graded MS-64.** An lovely frosty mint example with full undisturbed mint bloom color. In our opinion, a **premium quality** coin.
Estimated Value \$800-850
- 1912 1926. **MS-63.** Choice surfaces and nice golden color.
Estimated Value \$500-600
- 1913 1926 (3 pieces). Each grades **MS-60 or so.** Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$550-600



- 1914 1927. **PCGS graded MS-65.** This frosty mint gem is as fresh as a daisy!
Estimated Value \$2,200-2,500
- 1915 1927. **NGC graded MS-64.** Very well struck.
Estimated Value \$700-800
- 1916 1928. **PCGS graded MS-63.** Orange with olive overtones.
Estimated Value \$500-600
- 1917 1928. **NGC graded MS-63.** A pleasing frosty mint example.
Estimated Value \$500-600
- 1918 1929. **NGC graded MS-63.** Last year of issue.
Estimated Value \$500-600



- 1919 1929. **PCGS graded MS-62.** Bright luster but the surfaces show moderate handling marks.
Estimated Value \$225-275
- 1920 **Partial Set of Indian \$2.50 Gold.** 1908-1929. Total of 13 different dates lacking only the 1911-D and 1914. **The condition ranges from Extremely Fine to Brilliant Uncirculated.** A few of the coins in this offering have been certified by NGC, the balance are raw. A worthwhile group that should be examined. Lot of 13 coins.
Estimated Value \$1,700-2,000

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\$3 Gold



- 1921 1874. NGC graded MS-62.** A few tiny scuffs, but pretty coppery tones and well struck. Scarce as a type coin.
Estimated Value \$1,800-2,000



- 1922 1878. PCGS graded MS-64.** Strong luster and with a few scattered handling marks. Average surfaces expected for the grade, and free of toning.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,500



- 1923 1878. PCGS graded MS-64.** A fully lustrous specimen with rich mint bloom color throughout. An ideal top quality type coin. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,500



- 1924 1878. MS-60 or so.** The obverse is hairlined and the reverse is still nice.
Estimated Value \$750-800



- 1925 1878. MS-60 or so, but hairlined.** Both sides have been wiped with a cloth creating pretty narly hairlines.
Estimated Value \$700-800



- 1926 1878. PCGS graded AU-58.** This one circulated for a brief time, minor handling marks but most of the luster remains.
Estimated Value \$750-800



- 1927 1879. NGC graded MS-63.** Well struck with slightly reflective mint surfaces. Popular low mintage date and probably from the Beck holdings disbursed in the mid 1970s.
Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000

Rare 1885 In Proof



- 1928 1885. Proof 63.** Boldly struck and downright rare in any grade. As a date, only 910 were struck, of those 109 were proofs. This one has a few minor hairlines in the fields, and scattered ticks from handling, but the orange-peel fields are present and generally undisturbed. Identifiable by a small "S" shaped lint mark in the field before the eye. A rare opportunity.
Estimated Value \$5,000-7,500



- 1929 1889. PCGS graded MS-65 Premium Quality.** A satiny mint gem exhibiting gorgeous golden-orange and light olive overtones. Destined to be resubmitted for a higher grade. Popular last year of the three-dollar gold coin. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$6,000-UP

\$4 Gold

Rare 1879 \$4 Flowing Hair Pattern in Gilt Copper



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- 1930 1879. Pattern \$4 Gold Piece, J-1636, P-1834, Rarity-6+. Flowing Hair, Copper, Reeded edge, Gilt. Judd 1636. NGC graded Proof 63.** The Charles Barber flowing hair design. This is an extremely rare pattern issue, only a few were struck, some of which were coated in gold or "gilt". On the obverse we see hazy yellow gold toning splashed on the obverse around the face, and similar toning on the reverse around the star. Well struck by the dies, with the curls on Liberty all present and bold, and similar sharpness on the reverse star and design legends. No signs of handling marks, just a few faint hairlines account for the grade. The wire edge or "fin" is bold on both the obverse and reverse and can be seen up against the white plastic insert in the NGC holder. NGC in their Population Report shows just 2 coins graded, this one and a coin as PF-64 above.

All Proof \$4 patterns are rare and seldom offered. They are certainly the cream of numismatics, as gold coinage is always the most expensive and elusive, especially as pattern issues. The popularity of the \$4.00 coins remains very strong today, and their rarity and stories are part of the great legends of numismatics. Tracing this specimen can likely be accomplished by taking the time to track down the sales listed in the excellent Pollock reference work. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$5,000-7,500

Classic Pattern 1879 \$4 Copper Pattern Coiled Hair Stella



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Enlarged

- 1931 1879. Pattern \$4 Gold piece, J-1639, P-1839, R-7, Coiled Hair, Copper, Reeded edge, Gilt. NGC graded Proof 62.** George T. Morgan had a grand time with this design, the classical rendition of Liberty remains quite popular today as it did during the unveiling in 1879. All these copper patterns are extremely rare, the NGC Population Report notes just 4 graded this high, with a single coin graded higher as PF-63, and none graded lower. PCGS has only graded 1 of this pattern, that one is not gilt, as PR-64 Brown. Toned with hazy yellow colors in the fields, the devices and star all satiny in texture, while the fields are well mirrored. Identifiable by a small copper mark hanging down from Liberty's earlobe, and a toning spot between IT of UNITED. This one is in NGC holder #236415-003.

Although no pedigree is included with these rare pattern issues, we suspect they would be relatively easy to locate using the sales appearances noted in the excellent Pollock reference on Patterns. If the buyer would like assistance, please contact the Jim Matthews at the Goldberg's. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000

\$4 Gold

Elusive 1880 \$4 Copper Gilt Flowing Hair Pattern, J-1658



Enlarged



1932 1880. Pattern \$4 Gold Piece, J-1658, P-1858, R-6, Flowing Hair, Copper, Reeded edge, Gilt. Judd 1658. NGC graded Proof 63. An example of the Charles Barber flowing hair design. Struck in copper and gold plated (gilt), this rare coin is seldom seen in any grade. Boldly struck by the dies, with cascading curls on Liberty and sharp design elements on the reverse too. Faint hairlines account for the grade, and we see no other handling marks. The fields boast a rich golden to coppery tone, and this one is basically as struck by the Mint. NGC reports just 3 graded, one as PF-60, and two as PF-63.

One of the most beautiful and popular of all pattern coins, the flowing hair and coiled hair stellas have been in feverish demand since the day they were coined. A choice example of this rare issue. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$7,500-10,000

\$4 Gold and \$5 Gold

Desirable Pattern 1880 \$4 Copper Gilt Coiled Hair J-1661



Enlarged



Enlarged

1933 1880. Pattern \$4 Gold Piece, J-1661, P-1861, R-6+ Coiled Hair, Copper, Reeded edge, Gilt. Judd 1661. NGC graded Proof 62. One of the classic coiled hair designs by George T. Morgan. Boldly struck on both Liberty's tight hair bun and on the reverse star and legends. This is an extremely rare coin, NGC has only graded one example that has been gilt, and one that remains in the original copper format. PCGS has not graded any of these, and this is likely a high Rarity-7 with just a few known and some diligent pedigree tracing of the known appearances could soon connect the pedigree chains. Hazy gold toning in the obverse and reverse fields, nearly identical in color and surface quality to the J-1636 in this sale. A few minor hairlines seem to account for the grade, as no other handling marks probably affect the grade. We note one tiny nose tick mark and a dark line above the C of CENTS on the reverse, and these should assist the buyer in locating previous offerings of this extremely rare pattern issue.

The \$4 stellas are amongst the most storied coins in numismatics. They came about as an attempt to get the United States up to date with the decimal based Metric system, used by much of the world at that time, and it was hoped that adoption of such a coin would ease international trade. First issued in 1879 with just 15 struck, the \$4 coins were available to Congressmen, who were entitled to a purchase one for the Mint's cost of about \$6.50 per coin. These proved very popular, so the Mint coined 400 more pieces, of which about 265 went to Congressmen, with the remaining 150 coins eventually being sold to the public at \$15 each. Additional pattern issues were proposed, like this 1880 with coiled hair, but the coinage was never adapted, the American people being no more ready for the metric system in 1879 than in 1975 when the government attempted to adapt it again. Perhaps in 2075?

A lovely example of this extremely rare pattern issue, and worthy of a true collector's cabinet. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000

\$5 Gold

\$5 Capped Bust / Small Eagle



1934 1795. Miller-2, Breen 1-B, Rarity-4. Sharpness of EF-40 but the surfaces have been repaired and cleaned. The surfaces of this coin have been cleaned and likely repaired to reduce handling marks and rim ticks, and moderate hairlines are still present. Well struck and with strong detail on the devices. We note a series of surface marks on the lower half of the letters of LIBERTY, and a general layer of handling marks on both sides. Identifiable by a dull scrape from the fourth (from right) palm leaf down to the rim, and a similar one just above the top of the right wing of the eagle. Obviously a coin with some problems, and one that should be inspected by prospective buyers as all 1795 half eagles are rare. The first year of issue, and one for a type collector who wants substantial detail without a huge price.

Estimated Value \$2,500-3,500

From the collection of Robert W. Miller, Sr.

Rare 1795 Miller-12 Half Eagle



1935 1795. Miller-12, Breen 8-1, Rarity-7. EF-40. This rare obverse is quickly identifiable by a recut letter E between BE of LIBERTY and also the I is recut of that word. On the reverse, TAT of STATES and AME of AMERICA all touch at the bottom of these letters. Lovely copper gold in color, especially near the lettering and devices. There are adjustment marks on the reverse, a few of which run through the eagle, others criss crossing in the fields. A few scattered handling marks, as expected for the grade with a few on the eagle's body which will help identify this rare coin in the future. Sharply impressed, and a rare variety for the specialist to acquire. No duplicate was offered in the Bass sales of a few years ago, which confirms its rarity as a die pairing.

Estimated Value \$7,500-10,000

From the collection of Robert W. Miller, Sr.

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1796 \$5 Capped Bust. Small eagle, 6 over 5



Enlarged



1936 1796. Small eagle, 6 over 5, Miller-16, Breen 9-I, Rarity-5. NGC graded MS-62. This is the only combination of 1796 half eagle found. Examination will easily locate the 5 hiding beneath the 6, especially the ball of the 5 and the flag. Good luster remains and the surfaces show a few expected hairlines and scattered marks accounting for the grade. Well struck, but we note minor weakness on the high points of the eagle on the reverse, and on some elements of Liberty on the obverse. This is a thoroughly satisfying example of the issue, which is quite scarce among the small eagle early fives. While not a rare variety, this coin is needed by date, type and variety collectors alike, keeping pricing pressure high on the few that turn up. We note that this obverse die was not used to produce 1795 half eagles, but was probably prepared in 1795, not needed, and then overdated in 1796 after the new year. Miller notes that "only a few survivors near mint state", and this is borne out by the NGC Population Report which shows 2 graded as MS-62, with 5 graded higher (best MS-65). As a date, 1796 is far rarer than 1795, and this one is a lovely coin for the collector to secure. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$70,000-90,000

Choice AU 1796, 6 over 5, Small Eagle



Enlarged



1937 1796. Small eagle, 6 over 5, Miller-16, Breen 9-I, Rarity-4. PCGS graded AU-53. Only a single pair of dies were used to coin these 1796 half eagles. As a date, virtually none are found in mint state, and PCGS has graded two as MS-62, and one as MS-63, with all others seen in AU grades and below. Here is a particularly nice example for this date. The surfaces show scattered handling marks on both sides, with a minor scratch on the lower bust and into the drapery above the 6. The reverse is also well struck, with full feather details on the eagle's wings although the breast on thigh show expected weakness and wear. On the obverse, there are some trivial scattered dark flecks, and these should help hallmark this coin for the future. No adjustment marks or similar distractions, and just about all a collector could hope for from this difficult early date half eagle. PCGS has graded 5 as such, with 11 in higher AU grades, and the 3 mint state coins mentioned at the top of the census. A rare opportunity. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$17,500-20,000

No provenance known.

\$5 Capped Bust / Heraldic Eagle

Rare and Desirable 1795 Heraldic Eagle Reverse



Enlarged



Enlarged

- 1938 1795. Heraldic eagle reverse. Miller-15, Breen 7-X, Rarity-5. NGC graded MS-61.** A rare and unusual coin that was likely struck in 1798! First of all, the field of stars over the eagle on the reverse shows 16 stars, as we know, the Philadelphia Mint kept adding stars to coins as states joined the union, hence from 1794 through June 1, 1796 all silver and gold coins should show 15 stars to represent the states of the union. On June 1, 1796, Tennessee joined, making a total of 16 states, and hence 16 stars. Therefore, we know that this reverse die was engraved sometime after June of 1796. In addition, the heraldic eagle reverse design was finally adapted in 1796 at a time when the Mint had decided to stop adding stars every time a new state joined the union, as they were simply running out of room (also some of the Mint's employees seemed to have trouble counting that high, as numerous oddities in the star count occur in various denominations). Along with the 1798 small eagle reverse, this is one of the most curious die combinations to come out of the Philadelphia Mint. The circumstances for this issue may never be known, but they are regarded as some sort of emergency issue along with the 1798 small eagle reverse half eagle. Apparently no current dies were available, and these older dies were still serviceable, and hence, pressed in to service. It is now believed by experts in the half eagle series that these were struck in 1798. Always famous and in high demand, the heraldic eagle reverse 1795 half eagle has long been a coveted by numismatists. On this pair of dies, the obverse has a light crack down the back third of her cap well into her curls, and the reverse die is a fairly late die state, with a break connecting the tops of NITE and a complex break through ICA to the eagle's tail and arrows. No doubt the die was soon retired as these breaks progressed. NGC has graded just 2 this high, with 11 graded higher (best MS-63). Slightly prooflike in the protected areas, the obverse die was in good shape when this one was coined. Fully struck on both sides, with no adjustment marks. Identifiable by a short lint mark located in the field extending from the lowest feather on the right wing near the shield, and a dark spot on the right side of the first A of AMERICA. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$60,000-75,000



- 1939 1798. 14 Star Reverse, Miller-26, Breen 2-C, Rarity-6. Sharpness of VF-25 but with extensive scratches.** This coin has several scratches, including light ones on Liberty's face and into the field, and the entire rim is damaged by deep scratches through the dentils, and this continues on the reverse dentils. There is a gouge from the U of UNITED to the ribbon above. Obviously, a rare coin with some problems, so inspection is mandatory from bidders. Rare in all grades, the reverse die shattered early and only a few dozen survive in various grades.
- Estimated Value \$800-1,200

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1940 1798. Miller-26, Breen 2-C, Rarity-6. Sharpness of VG-10 but worn as jewelry and repaired on the edge.** This coin was worn as jewelry and the edges have been smoothed, wiping out the reeding on the edge in some areas. Always popular for the fourteen star reverse, and this die shattered early, and several die cracks can be seen through the shield, and these also weakened the area around AMERICA. One for the budget minded collector who wants a rarity in a moderate grade.
- Estimated Value \$700-900

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr. collection.

\$5 Gold



- 1941 1798. Miller-27, Breen 2-D, Rarity-3. VF-25.** The reeding is weak near the date and some repair work may have been done here, and we note a couple of minor scratches above Liberty's cap. This is the familiar reverse with several lumps above STATES OF. One for the type collector.

Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr. collection.



- 1942 1798. Miller-29, Breen 4-F, Rarity-4. Sharpness of EF-45 but repaired in the right obverse field.** The right obverse field has been repaired by buffing to remove marks or initials and all the surfaces are hairlined and this coin has been processed. Curiously, this coin was struck through several small bits of lint or other obstruction as several indented marks can be seen on either side, one on the back of the cap, another on the reverse at the left end of the ribbon into the field. Close examination reveals that this is likely a flip over double strike, as the O from OF can be seen over Liberty's cap, and the 8 of the date is located on the N of UNITED. This evidence is faint, and a strong glass is needed to see it, but it certainly is there. Multiple die cracks are present, as usual for the variety. An interesting coin for the specialist, and one that probably won't bring a huge premium.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr. collection.



- 1943 1798. Miller-30, Breen 5-G, Rarity-7. Sharpness of VF-30 but burnished.** Just a handful are known of this variety, and nearly all show rapidly progressing die breaks. This one is fairly late, with a long arcing crack from the first star out the top of Liberty's cap, another crack above from the third star to the cap, one through RT of LIBERTY to the large forecurl on Liberty (Miller obverse die state 3). The reverse with all the cracks noted in the Miller reference for Die State 4. The A of STATES is obviously over something, almost certainly an E, which is seen on other dies of the period. No duplicates offered in the massive Bass sales, giving an indication of how rare this variety is. This is the Miller plate coin, and he notes that just 6 are known of the die variety. Repaired at the sixth star on the rim and the entire coin has been burnished lightly and hairlined by past cleanings. A fascinating coin to study for the breaks are strong and so few are known in any grade.

Estimated Value \$1,500-UP

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1944 1799. Miller-36, Breen 3-E, Rarity-4. Large 9, imperfect stars reverse. Sharpness of EF-40 but burnished and repaired.** The surfaces show several areas that have been repaired, including around the tail of the eagle and along the rim above LIB as well as around several obverse stars, and this coin could possibly have been holed and repaired. In addition the coin was harshly cleaned so the surfaces now are pebbly in appearance. A coin to be inspected by prospective bidders as this is a filler.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

1800. Miller-41 Double Struck Rarity



- 1945 1800. Miller-41, Breen-1-A, Rarity-7+. Double Struck. AU-50.** This is a most unusual coin. The reverse is entirely double struck, with a shift most noticeable on the peripheral lettering. Also on the reverse we note a thin line through the upper shield devices into the field just right of the upper right corner of the shield, where another coin was struck over this one, this perhaps a host brockage coin. On the obverse, the mystery continues where we note two points of an incuse star which is located near the rim by star three, and this is probably related to the thin line through the shield strike (the first off center strike?). Somehow this coin was improperly ejected and partial designs from other struck coins were struck into this coin on both sides. The coiner noted the problem and restruck this one eliminating most of the error strike on the obverse, but the reverse clearly shows doubling.
- As a variety, Miller-41 is extremely rare, only a few are known, and there were no duplicates offered in the massive Bass sales by Bowers and Merena. Perhaps the dies were damaged by the misstruck example here, and had to be replaced. We note faint clash marks below Liberty from the clouds, and minor marks from circulation. As expected the surfaces have been lightly cleaned. Rim crumbling is located above star eleven and nearly to star twelve. On the reverse, it is quickly identifiable by the last three stars which form a line, just above the ribbon and right wing. One of the most important coins in the Miller collection, and a rare early Mint error to boot! An opportunity not to be missed.
- Estimated Value \$3,500-UP

From the collection of Robert W. Miller, Sr.



- 1946 1800. Miller-42, Breen 1-B, Rarity-4. NGC graded AU-58.** Basically, a problem-free specimen, well struck with enough mint luster intact to justify the grade. An ideal example for a type set.
- Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000



- 1947 1800. Miller-42, Breen 1-B, Rarity-4. EF-40.** Excellent surfaces for the grade with natural gold color and problem free rims and fields. Faint adjustment marks on the U of UNITED weaken that letter at the top. Broken out of a PCGS slab where it was graded XF-40.
- Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1948 1800. Miller-43, Breen 1-C, Rarity-5. Sharpness of VF-20 but repaired.** The rims of this one have been filed and most of the reeding is weak or missing. One rim bump is noted over the first T of STATES and there is an old gouge in the right obverse field and a couple of small ones hidden in Liberty's hair. The surfaces are uniformly marked, possibly from a brief time as jewelry, or just improper cleaning. Inspection a must.
- Estimated Value \$900-1,100

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- 1949 1800. Miller-44, Breen 1-D, Rarity-3. NGC graded MS-64.** While this is a somewhat common variety, not many are around in high mint state grades, in fact, this is tied for the finest graded with 9 others in the combined NGC and PCGS Population Reports. Gorgeous coppery gold in color, with ample mint luster and frost to dazzle the eye. Sharply impressed, and certainly a high end example of this date, and apparently tied for the finest graded with a small group. What few surface marks we could find, are widely scattered in the fields and are not detracting. No signs of adjustment marks. Identifiable by a small spot on the left side near the middle of the I in AMERICA. This is a later die state with cracks through the I of UNITED, another through the R of AMERICA through the lower shield to the arrows, and another from the arrows (possibly connected to the I in UNITED crack, but very faint) and this crack wanders up through the shield to the center of the eagle's breast. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$25,000-35,000

Choice 1800 Half Eagle



- 1950 1800, Miller-44, Breen 1-D, R-3. NGC graded MS-63.** Frosty devices are present on both sides, and the fields are slightly reflective. Examination will find minor hairlines and scattered ticks from handling, but the coin is still choice. Fully struck on the stars and Liberty, as well as on the reverse, and no signs of weakness are noted. This is a later die state with a minor crack from the rim down through the R of AMERICA and another through IBER on the obverse. Perfect for the type collector. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$11,000-13,000



- 1951 1800. Miller-44, Breen 1-D, Rarity-3. Sharpness of EF-45 but slightly bent on the rim.** Lovely orange gold in color and well struck for this common variety. The edge has been flattened at STAT and this gives a slight bend in that area. We note a few faint adjustment marks on the lower left obverse edge some of which may be related to the small bend on the reverse, and a rim tick over F of OF on the reverse. Die state as usual, with cracks through the lower reverse. A presentable coin for the variety.

Estimated Value \$2,500-3,500

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1952 1800. Miller-44, Breen 1-D, Rarity-3. EF-45+.** Here is an example that retains ample mint luster in the fields and decent eye appeal. There are a few minor rim ticks around the date, and the dentils are very weak in that area on both sides (adjustment marks possibly). Well struck otherwise and a common die pairing. Die cracks through the I of UNITED and R of AMERICA and another through the lower part of the shield as usually seen on this die pairing. This is a nice coin for the grade.
Estimated Value \$2,250-2,750

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1953 1802, 2 over 1. Miller-47, Breen 1-D, Rarity-3. Sharpness of VF-20 but used as a button, buffed and polished.** This one used to be a button, as there is damage at the central reverse where the solder was removed, and the entire surfaces are pebbly, as seen on jewelry pieces. The coin was then polished and buffed. Inspection a must.
Estimated Value \$500-750

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Extremely Rare 1802, 2 over 1, Miller-49



- 1954 1802, 2 over 1. Miller-49, Breen 1-A, Rarity-8. VF-20.** One of just 2 known according to Robert Miller, Sr., and this is the plate coin for the reverse photo in his reference book on the series. The edge has a few minor ticks, the most obvious over the O of OF on the reverse. Clean surfaces for the moderate grade, with scattered handling marks on either side. Fascinating die state, the reverse is cracked through the center of the first S of STATES down to the left corner of the shield, another crack extends from the C of AMERICA up through the right corner of the shield to the star above. Further, the reverse die is badly clashed, with parts of the date visible and Liberty's bust present too at the top of the reverse. Yellow gold in color with coppery hues near the devices. An important rarity which is seldom offered, no duplicates in the Bass Sales, and only one other example rumored to reside in a California collection, according to the author. A rare opportunity for the specialist in the series.
Estimated Value \$1,250-UP

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection and the reverse of this coin is plated in his book.



- 1955 1802, 2 over 1. Miller-52, Breen 2-F, Rarity-5. Sharpness of AU-50 but harshly cleaned and repaired.** High overdate, imperfect T's on the reverse which are missing their right lower serif. Examination will note swirl marks in the fields near the obverse stars, and one must conclude that the surfaces have been lightly smoothed. Further, the surfaces have been cleaned but the coin has started to tone with a bit of coppery tones on Liberty's cap. This is a later die state with the crack from the arrows to the left side of the shield at the top. Well struck, but minor weakness can be seen at the rims. One to be inspected, as always with early gold.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

Lustrous Mint State 1802, 2 over 1



Enlarged



- 1956 1802. 2 over 1, Miller-54, Breen 2-I, Rarity-4. NGC graded MS-64.** Resplendent bright gold in color and very well preserved. The dies struck this one hard, enough so to bring up the stars, curls and feathers on both sides. Somehow this one was saved in magnificent condition. Examination will note how fine the surfaces remain, with few signs of handling or other grade detracting marks. NGC agrees, and awarded this their finest grade of the year, although 9 specimens have been graded this high, none have been graded higher. Although free of adjustment marks, we note some planchet roughness on the lower part of the reverse, and this is entirely mint caused, and scarcely noticeable. Through the same area, at the eagle's claw holding the arrows, a few faint adjustment marks can be detected. There are a number of early half eagles in this sale, both high grade and low grade, so there is certainly something for everyone to choose from. Such an opportunity is not likely to be repeated soon so bid accordingly. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000



- 1957 1802. 2 over 1. Miller-54, Breen 2-I, Rarity-4. VF-25.** This one was lightly cleaned some time ago, but has recovered with some toning. The surfaces show average handling marks for the grade, and this one will be quickly identifiable by a shallow scratch on Liberty's chin. We also note clash marks from the horizontal shield lines above Liberty's ear. The area of most interest is the reverse, for the die has failed with a healthy rim cud over T of UNITED, extending above the letters on either side. Of great interest to the specialist, and worth a strong bid as such.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,300

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1958 1803. 3 over 2. Miller-55, Breen 1-B, Rarity-5. Sharpness of EF-45 but lightly polished.** The surfaces have been cleaned with resulting hairlines and this one may have been polished lightly in the distant past. Two obverse rim nicks have been filed away, one below the 3, the other above BE of LIBERTY. On the reverse there are some light scratches above the arrowheads in the field. All in all, the coin retains decent eye appeal and is well struck. It is a late die state, with the crack from the U of UNITED to the E of STATES. On the reverse rim there is some evidence of light adjustment marks. One for the type collector.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,300

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1959 1803. 3 over 2, Miller-56, Breen 1-C, Rarity-4. NGC graded MS-62.** Glistening luster on both sides and sharp on the obverse. The reverse is weak on the eagle's claw and arrows, and it is likely that adjustment marks ran through that area. We note the fields and upper devices show minor ticks from handling, expected on coin that is nearly 200 years old, even if it is mint state. This one is a later die state with cracks on the reverse as described in the Miller reference.
Estimated Value \$6,000-7,000

\$5 Gold



- 1960** 1803. 3 over 2. Miller-56, Breen 1-C, Rarity-4. Sharpness of Fine-12 but heavily repaired. This one has been holed through the L of LIBERTY and the tail and was obviously worn for years as jewelry, then repaired by an unskilled person at such matters. The tail feathers have been reengraved, and the coin may have also been mounted at the central reverse. A filler, which must be inspected by prospective buyers. Estimated Value \$500-750

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High End 1803 Half Eagle



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- 1961** 1803. 3 over 2, Miller-57, Breen 1-D, Rarity-2. NGC graded MS-64. Here is another high grade mint state half eagle. The surfaces show glorious luster in the fields, and the devices retain their original mint frost. The luster and frost combine to make this piece very appealing, and the surfaces retain their freshness as well, and don't show the usual handling ticks so often seen. NGC has only graded 5 this high, with a single coin graded higher, that at MS-66. No signs of adjustment marks or similar problems, this one is very lovely. Minor hairlines and a delight to behold. Color photo. Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000

\$5 Gold



- 1962 1803. 3 over 2. Miller-57, Breen 1-D, Rarity-2. Sharpness of AU-55 but burnished and lightly repaired.** The obverse has been burnished and repaired to remove a cigarette from Liberty's mouth, and small scratches can still be seen in that area and the entire coin is hairlined. A few copper spots are present, and this is the usual die state with a few scattered die cracks on each side. One of the most common of the early half eagles. A coin for the type collector who wants a lot of detail and doesn't mind the problems mentioned. Decent rims and reeding, and well struck.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1963 1803. 3 over 2. Miller-58, Breen 2-D, Rarity-4. Sharpness of VF-25 but a jewelry piece which was mounted.** This coin spent many years as jewelry and the devices show heavy evidence of this type of wear, the reeding on the rims is mostly gone, and we note traces of solder from the jewelry mount. Thought to have been rare but the Bass sales seemed to sort this one out where the cataloguers discovered that this obverse is frequently misattributed as the more common Breen 1 obverse. This second obverse has a perfect T (with the right base serif complete, and this is missing on the other variety) and is usually found with a die crack through the base of the date, extending nearly to the stars on either side. A coin to be inspected.

Estimated Value \$500-750

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

- 1964 "1803". A pair of Kettle Tokens. One grades VF-30, the other F-12 but has scratches.** These tokens were struck by an English gaming company to serve as gambling tokens. Most state "Kettle" right of the date, as seen on one of these, the other has had this word removed, and was gold plated likely in hopes of passing it as a half eagle. The gold plated one has several surface marks and scratches. Always popular with collectors, these tokens are part of the rich panorama and history of numismatics. Lot of 2 tokens.

Estimated Value \$150-200

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1965 1804. Blundered date, Miller-59, Breen 1-A, Rarity-4+. Sharpness of EF-40 but repaired around the rims.** The surfaces have been lightly burnished and areas appear to have been repaired around the cap and the eagle's tail feathers as well as around the rims. Still a well struck coin that retains most of the original detail. Some light scratches are noted in the left obverse field. Inspection recommended, as always, as any coin with problems should be evaluated before a bid is placed.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,500

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



The Finest PCGS Graded 1804 Small 8 over large 8



Enlarged



- 1966 1804. Small 8 over large 8, Miller-59, Breen 1-A, Rarity-4+. PCGS graded MS-64.** This is the finest example graded by PCGS and it is alone in this grade category. Fabulous mint bloom and copious luster in the fields. We note a hint of adjustment marks, they are short and extend from Liberty's temple into her hair. Boldly struck by the dies, with full and complete definition on all the devices. The date is wildly recut, with the 8 almost comical as the large 8 obviously has a small 8 residing on top of it. The 1 and 0 are also recut, but not as dramatically. Both dies show clash marks, and the reverse has a slight crack through the E of AMERICA. Rare and not fully appreciated by numismatists, these early half eagles are available, and mercifully can be found in nice mint state grades, as offered here, but they are somewhat expensive, as they always have been. For well over a century, a collection of early half eagles has been one of the most challenging and rewarding series to collect. Given that this coin is the finest of this variety graded by PCGS, we expect a strong price, which it richly deserves. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$40,000-50,000



- 1967 1804. Blundered date, Miller-60, Breen 1-B, Rarity-4. Sharpness of VF-25 but polished and repaired.** This coin has been repaired and has the appearance of a jewelry piece. The fields have been polished to reduce marks, some of which remain. A later die state with two vertical cracks on the reverse, which shattered the die into 3 pieces. Another coin to be inspected by bidders prior to the sale.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1968 1804. Miller-63, Breen 2-C, Rarity-5. NGC graded EF-40.** Yellow gold color with orange highlights near the devices. Average handling marks, and there are light adjustment marks on the reverse. This is a later die state, with a crack through the 0 in the date, and a heavier crack over the T of UNITED to the rim. Some luster in the fields. Generally problem free, and desirable as such.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1969 1804. Miller-63, Breen 2-C, Rarity-5. VF-25.** This coin has a pleasing, natural appearance with darker hues highlighting the lettering and devices. Moderate handling marks as expected for the grade, but no real problems of any sort. Broken out of a PCGS slab where it was graded VF-25. A moderate grade for the variety, and this particular one is an early die state with the vertical crack through the 0 in the date just forming, and a light crack at the top of T of UNITED.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,400

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

\$5 Gold



- 1970 1804. Miller-66, Breen 3-E, Rarity-5. EF-40.** This one has been lightly cleaned, and we note some light surface scratches encircling the entire obverse around the rims (through the stars, date etc.) Identifiable by the recut 4 in the date, and the recut T of UNITED. The obverse die is cracked from the tenth star towards Liberty's mouth, and through the 8 in the date, and the reverse is cracked through the E of AMERICA to the second feather from the bottom on the right wing of the eagle. A decent coin overall, but should still be inspected.

Estimated Value \$1,250-1,750

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1971 1805. Miller-68, Breen 1-A, Rarity-6. EF-45.** This coin retains some of the original mint luster, but it has numerous chatter marks from circulation on both sides. At the time Robert Miller published his work on early half eagles, he did not have a specimen to photograph. In his description of this variety, he notes that the first star is unusually close to the curl, which it is, but it certainly doesn't nearly touch the curl. Both the 1 and the 5 in the date touch Liberty. Rim crumbling is seen past STATES on the reverse. Scarce, and seldom offered.

Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

Near Gem 1805 \$5 Capped Bust



Enlarged



- 1972 1805 Miller-73. Breen 3-D, Rarity-4. PCGS graded MS-64.** A rare coin in this near gem grade, the surfaces boast a rich orange gold color and the luster is full and complete. Minor handling marks scattered on each side, none are worth much notice. Sharply impressed by the dies, with fully rounded curls on Liberty, and bold stars on the obverse and reverse. There are some minor adjustment marks on the obverse, most of these reside near the date and lower drapery folds, but a few are also seen down Liberty's hair and on the rim. A high end coin that boasts excellent mint bloom and eye appeal. PCGS has graded 12 this high, with one single coin graded a notch higher in gem. Certainly one of the finest to survive, and worthy of a superb half eagle collection. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000

\$5 Gold



- 1973 1805. Miller-73, not in Breen, Rarity-4. Sharpness of EF-45 but lightly polished.** The obverse shows signs of an old polishing, with the fields still reflective and hairlines reside there. Toned with yellow and copper gold shades on both sides and quite lovely. Minor adjustment marks are present on the left side of the reverse, mostly on the rim. We note doubling on the right wing and AM nearby, and this may be in the die or simply a striking phenomenon. A scarce variety and certain to attract attention.

Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

From the collection of Robert W. Miller, Sr.



- 1974 1805. Miller-73, Not in Breen, Rarity-4. Sharpness of VF-20 but mounted in a bezel.** The surfaces are heavily abraded after many years use as a jewelry coin, still mounted in a bezel with an intact ring at the top.

Estimated Value \$600-700

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1975 1805. Miller-74, Not in Breen, Rarity-4+. Sharpness of EF-45 but graffiti on the obverse and possibly mounted.** Orange gold in color with coppery red highlights at the rims. Examination will locate graffiti in the left obverse field, and clusters of small ticks in Liberty's hair and below her chin. Around the obverse rim, there are some flattened areas which indicate that this coin may have been mounted. As always, inspection is a must.

Estimated Value \$1,250-1,750

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1976 1805. Miller-74, Not in Breen, Rarity-4+. Sharpness of VF-35 but burnished.** The surfaces have been burnished long ago, and the coin retains a satiny, soft appearance. Die cracks are noted through the 0 in the date and the last star both into Liberty. We note some small scratches near the fifth star on the rim, and scattered ticks on both sides. Decent enough for the grade overall. Another coin to be inspected.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,300

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1977 1805. Miller-74, Not in Breen, Rarity-4+. Sharpness of VF-35 but smoothed and repaired.** The rims, face and fields have been smoothed and some scratches are still present. Well struck from cracked and clashed dies, with obverse radial cracks through the 0 in the date, last star and heavy clash marks above Liberty's head and around the reverse periphery too. The rims show signs of being mounted in the past, with smoothed areas seen on the edge and dentils. Another one to inspect prior to the sale to arrive at the proper bid.

Estimated Value \$800-1,200

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1978 1805. Miller-74, Not in Breen, Rarity-4+. Sharpness of VF-25 but worn as jewelry.** Here is yet another example of this variety. This one has been damaged by being worn as jewelry for many years and all the devices and edges are worn. On the edge, we note repairs with most of the reeding now missing. A coin to inspect prior to bidding.

Estimated Value \$600-800

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

\$5 Gold



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- 1979 1806. Pointed 6, Stars 8 X 5, Miller-75, Not in Breen, Rarity-6. VF-30. On this die, the first star appears to have been added as an afterthought, and on the reverse, there is rim crumbling or overlapping dentils just past STATES. Cleaned in the past, and nicely recovered with coppery hues around the devices. Moderate hairlines but no other troublesome marks or bumps. Identifiable by a small rim bruise over the O in OF.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,750

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

One of the Finest Graded 1806 8X5 Pointed 6 Half Eagles



Enlarged



- 1980 1806. Pointed 6, Stars 8 X 5, Miller-75, Not in Breen, Rarity-4+. PCGS graded MS-64. The obverse die was prepared by the proverbial "office boy". Note that the 6 is very high, with the upper point of that number well up into Liberty's drapery. In addition, the first star was obviously added as an afterthought, and seems to be stuffed into the area near Liberty's lowest curl. We can only guess, but we suspect that the obverse die was originally a twelve star, with the stars arranged 7X5, when the supervisor, or office boy engraver noticed the error, and demanded an additional star be added. One simply can't waste dies, as die steel was very expensive. Adding the additional star was overcome by lapping or filing off the lowest curl of Liberty, note how incomplete it is with broken ends appearing both at the top and bottom above the first star. Literally erasing most of this bottom curl allowed the engraver to squeeze in another star, which ended up being awkwardly placed where part of the curl used to be, with two points very nearly touching the next star. Similar corrections to dies have been noted on coins of the early period at the Federal Mint, another famous example is the 15 star reverse bust dollar (1799), where too many stars were placed over the eagle, and the two offending stars were covered over by extending the clouds over the stars. A few points of the two stars can still be seen, sticking out from the bottom of the clouds. Thus, the early days at the Mint presented many challenges, and the employees bumbled along as best they could.

Splendid surfaces on this coin, with full mint bloom and few signs of handling. The central reverse has some crossing adjustment marks through the eagle, and these weaken some of the central devices. Overall, a gorgeous coin for the grade, and one with the added appeal of the "extra" star being squeezed in on the obverse. Further, this is one of the finest graded by PCGS, which notes 4 this high, *with none graded higher!* Certainly an opportunity for the alert numismatist, who enjoys the study of the minute details provided in such rich abundance in these early coins. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$25,000-35,000

\$5 Gold



- 1981 1806. Pointed 6, Stars 8 X 5. Miller-77, Breen obverse 1, Rarity-7. Sharpness of EF-40 but there are obverse scratches.** This is the obverse for Breen-1, and the reverse was not listed in his monograph. A few others were offered in the recent Bass Sales. In particular, the obverse has several long scratches outlining Liberty with a few more in the fields, a scrape on the 8, and a few more handling marks than one would expect on the obverse than the grade usually warrants. The reverse is nicer, and we note a die crack through the tops of UNITED ST, and middle of MER. Identifiable by a small rim mark above the eighth star. A rare issue that should still be considered as this variety is seldom offered.

Estimated Value \$1,750-UP

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

Rare 1806 Miller-82, Pointed 6, stars 8 X 5



- 1982 1806. Pointed 6, Stars 8 X 5. Miller-82, Breen 3-D, Rairy-6+. VF-25.** A rare coin which is seldom offered in any grade. In fact, Robert Miller considered this to be one of just 2 known, but that was before the massive Harry Bass duplicates hit the market in the past few years. In the Bass collection, 4 examples were offered of this rare die pairing. This particular example is the plate coin from the Miller reference book on half eagles. Moderate handling marks and roughness on both sides. The devices are sharply struck. Identifiable by a small edge tick just left of the date, and a minor scratch down the left side of the M in AMERICA to the fifth feather below on the eagle's wing. An important offering for the specialist. Early die state before the cud appears over the T of UNITED.

Estimated Value \$2,000-UP

From the collection of Robert W. Miller, Sr.

Superlative 1806 \$5 Gold



Enlarged



- 1983 1806. Round top 6, M-84, R-2. PCGS graded MS-64.** One of the most common half eagles, but not in this grade! Rich gold in color with undiminished luster and clean surfaces throughout. The strike is average, with most of the stars sharp, but a few don't have full centers. Light adjustment marks on the reverse through TED of UNITED. PCGS has graded 28 this high, with a single coin graded a notch higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000



- 1984 1806. Round top 6, Stars 7 X 6, Miller-84, Breen 5-E, Rarity-2. EF-45.** A few surface scratches on both sides from circulation and there are adjustment marks on the upper reverse rim. Well struck and still lustrous.

Estimated Value \$1,250-1,750

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

Knockout 1806 Half Eagle Round top 6, 7X6 Stars



Enlarged



- 1985 1806. Round top 6, Stars 7 X 6, Miller-84, Breen 5-E, Rarity-2. PCGS graded MS-64.** Frosty mint luster and well struck for this common die variety. Remarkably, these dies held up very well and quite a large number were coined. Attrition rates were still very high, and most of these were lost or melted over the years. This one is in the old style green insert PCGS holder. Further, PCGS has graded 28 this high, but more importantly, only a single coin is graded higher at MS-65. That makes this one of the nicest to survive of this important type coin. Rich gold color with a splash of copper on the right side of the reverse. A very attractive and visually appealing coin in every way. No adjustment marks and this one is well struck. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$15,000-20,000



- 1986 1807. Miller-85, Breen 1-A, Rarity-2. Sharpness of MS-60 but burnished and cleaned.** Well struck, but the surfaces have been burnished and cleaned, so the coin is too reflective. One dull mark at the top of the first A in AMERICA.
Estimated Value \$2,500-UP

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1987 1807. Miller-87, Breen 2-B, Rarity-6+. AU-50.** A rare die pairing which can be recognized by the 1 just touching the thin curl above, a raised die flaw under the tail of the R, and on the reverse by large stars and die rust over and behind the eagle's head. Adjustment marks through the last two stars weakens that area and on OF too. Average handling marks, and broken out of an NGC slab where it was graded AU-50.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1988 1807. Miller 86, Breen 1-B, Rarity-5+. EF-40.** Beautiful copper colors on both sides and well preserved. The only complaint is two small ticks over Liberty's cap, but these are microscopic. On the reverse, there are traces of adjustment marks through the lower left wing on the eagle and shield below. A nice coin for the grade, and worth a good bid.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,750

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

\$5 Gold



- 1989 1807. Close date, large stars reverse. Miller-88, Breen 2-C, Rarity-5+. Sharpness of VF-30 but repaired and smoothed.** This one has been cleaned and polished. There are some rim problems which have been repaired and some scratches smoothed out on the surfaces, including one on Liberty. One to inspect prior to bidding.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1990 1807. Miller-89, Breen 3-C, Rarity-7. VF-25.** An extremely rare coin in any grade, this particular one has some scratches on Liberty's face and into the right obverse field. It is an early die state before the obverse die shattered, but does show the reverse crack from the top arrowhead to the junction of the left wing and shield. We offered the Bass II coin in our October 2001 Sale, which grades MS-64. Robert Miller notes that only 4 are known, with a 5th example rumored. The surfaces show moderate hairlines, but the color is decent and all things considered this isn't a bad coin to represent the variety. One for the specialist.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.



- 1991 1807. Miller-90, Breen 4-C, Rarity-5. Sharpness of EF-45 but there is a slight bend in the planchet.** This coin has been slightly bent, and will rock when placed on a level surface. No signs of surface problems or edge damage, and how this coin was slightly bent is a mystery. As to the color, the fields are a desirable shade of orange gold, and much luster remains on both sides. Viewing will note moderate handling marks when seen with a glass, but they are not too distracting. The reverse die crack from the arrowhead to the shield is present.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000

From the Robert W. Miller, Sr., collection.

\$5 Capped Bust to Left



- 1992 1808. 8 over 7. Miller-104, Breen 2-A, Rarity-4. PCGS graded MS-61.** Bright and frosty on the obverse, with just a hint of coppery toning in the stars, the reverse is rich with loads of copper toning and eye appeal. Minor adjustment marks through the lower obverse on Liberty's bust to the rim. Typical handling marks on the surfaces, but more eye appeal than one would expect for the moderate grade. PCGS has graded just 3 this high, with 4 graded higher of the overdate variety. These overdates are much rarer than the regular issue 1808 half eagles.
Estimated Value \$7,500-8,500



- 1993 1810. Large date, tall 5, Miller-109, Breen 1-A. Rarity-2. PCGS graded MS-62.** Rich golden hues on both sides over lustrous fields. Starting to tone around the edges with some splashes of copper. Well struck for the date, with full curls on Liberty. One of the most common half eagle varieties, but always in demand by type collectors and other specialists.
Estimated Value \$5,500-6,500



- 1994 1810. Large date, tall 5, Miller-109, Breen 1-A. Rarity-2. NGC graded MS-62.** This one has a few faint hairlines from handling over the many decades, but the luster is still bright and the strike is typically firm. Clean surfaces for the grade, and quite lovely as the reverse periphery shows copper tones starting to form.
Estimated Value \$5,500-6,000

\$5 Gold

1810 \$5 Capped Draped Bust. Small date, tall 5



Enlarged



- 1995 1810. Small date, tall 5, Miller-113, Breen 2-D, Rarity-5+. PCGS graded MS-64. One of the finest graded of this popular date, this one has glorious copper hues over mint bloom. A few faint adjustment marks can be seen under and into the left wing on the eagle and along the rim above. Rarely are the early half eagles found in such a lovely state of preservation, as most circulated. To locate a near gem is quite unusual, and this is borne out by the PCGS Population Report, which notes 7 graded this high and just a single coin graded higher as MS-65. It is fun to note that the 5 in the denomination is quite large, and the dentils had to be engraved very low in order to not touch the long loop of this digit. An enticing specimen for the specialist. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$30,000-40,000



- 1996 1811. Tall 5, Miller-115, Breen-1A. Rarity-4. PCGS graded MS-63. A lovely example of this date that boasts a rich golden hue and abundant luster in the fields. Fully struck, but the reverse die was lapped making the scroll and parts of the wing shallow and without the usual depth seen on dies that have not been lapped. This process was used to reduce cracks and clash marks, and essentially the die field was filed down a bit to remove the clash marks or crack, then more coins were struck. Lapping simply reduces the depth of the design elements in the dies, and hence, on the coins.

PCGS has graded just 12 as such, with only 8 graded higher of this variety. Perfect for the type or date collector who wants a lot of eye appeal without breaking the bank. We note some very faint adjustment marks on the obverse rim near the bust and above LIBERTY, but they are microscopic and not at all distracting.

Estimated Value \$8,000-10,000

\$5 Capped Head

Resplendent 1823 \$5 Capped Head



Enlarged

- 1997 1823. Miller-146, Breen 1-A, Rarity-4. PCGS graded MS-63. One of the few "obtainable" dates in this series, despite the meager mintage of 14,485. Naturally, all but a few were melted, and this is one that somehow escaped in choice condition. We note the fields are slightly prooflike and reflective. Identifiable by a series of tiny scratches near the rim and the second star, but no other marks warrant attention. Great color and surfaces, and abundant luster too. Fully struck by the dies, and we see no signs of weakness. These early half eagles are generally well struck, and the Mint seemed to have gotten its stride by the time these were made, after years of blunders and poorly struck coins from a few decades earlier. PCGS has graded 6 this high, with just 3 graded higher, all MS-64. A rarity in all grades, especially so this choice. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$19,000-UP

\$5 Gold

The Garrett 1824 Half Eagle



Enlarged



Enlarged

1998

1824. Miller-147, Breen 1-A, Rarity-6. PCGS graded MS-64. One of the rarities of the early half eagle series, the date 1824 always comes to mind as one seldom seen, and rarely offered. This particular one is bathed in lovely coppery gold tones, with splendid luster and ample mint flash. PCGS has graded 8 this high, with a single coin graded higher as MS-65, and a total of 21 coins graded in all of this date, in grades ranging down below EF. A single pair of dies were used to coin these. It is noteworthy that this reverse was used to coin half eagles from 1821, 1822, 1823 and 1824. This particular coin is very sharply struck with no signs of weakness anywhere to be found. It can likely be traced by a tiny tick below Liberty's chin, and a toning spot below star six on the obverse, and a similar toning spot between IT of UNITED on the reverse. A foremost rarity in any grade. Half eagles have long been the great challenge among United States coins for the number of extremely rare coins struck over several decades and the regal appearance of high grade specimens. This particular coin came from the Garrett collection, and prior to that was offered in a George W. Cogan sale, 1882. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$55,000-65,000

From Bowers & Ruddy's Garrett Collection Sale, November 1989, lot 466, prior to that from George W. Cogan, March 23, 1882.

The Bass 1827 Half Eagle



1999 1827. Miller-152, Breen 1A, High Rarity-5, possibly Rarity-6. PCGS graded AU-58. A staggering rarity in any grade and a date that is seldom offered. The numismatists at Bowers and Merena in the Bass II sale noted that this is an extremely difficult year to pedigree, and it may be years before anyone is able to piece something together to see just how many are known of this date. Perhaps 30 are known, more than Breen's estimate of 12-15, but no one has done the work needed to tell for sure that we know of. We can state that 10 have been auctioned in the past decade, including this coin which is making a rare second appearance. The surfaces are toned with a rich coppery hue and there are minimal circulation marks. We note one thin scratch from the field near the neck, nearly touching the chin to the field before Liberty's eye. Identifiable by a tiny nick in the cap above the B in LIBERTY. PCGS has graded 3 as such, with 11 graded higher, and curiously none graded lower! All told, that makes 14 specimens (at most) seen by that service. A fantastic opportunity for the specialist in the half eagle series to nail one of the great, underappreciated rarities of the series. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$18,000-20,000

From Bowers and Merena's Sale of the Harry Bass, Jr., Collection, October 1999, lot 818.

\$5 Gold

The Finest Graded Gem 1833 Small Date Half Eagle



Enlarged



- 2000 1833. Small date, Miller-167, Breen I-2, High Rarity-6. PCGS graded MS-65.** Probably the very finest known of the date 1833, this glorious half eagle boasts full mint bloom and dazzling luster. The strike is sharp, and nearly all stars are full at the centers save for the first and last. Light coppery toning is noted near the periphery, otherwise this one is bright. PCGS has only graded one coin this high of the date, this specimen, and one in the grade below, next is a single example below those as MS-61. Forget the reported mintage on these, virtually all were melted as the price of gold exceeded the face value and the gold content was reduced in early 1834. As many of this early type were held in the Mint's vaults in 1834, once the new law was pending, the inventory was melted and recoinced into the classic heads without motto starting in August of 1834 (the new coins looked sufficiently different that they could easily be told apart). Naturally, the older, heavier and more valuable coins were collected and melted in droves for years to come. Some entire mintages were virtually wiped out, like the 1815, 1819, 1822 and 1829. Through American numismatic history, these half eagles have been the pinnacle series of most advanced numismatists. Many have tried and failed to locate even a handful of examples after years of searching. Therefore, this offering of the finest graded 1833 small date is of great significance, and an opportunity which may not be repeated in a lifetime. The small date 1833 is actually much rarer than the large date variety. Further, there are two reverse dies used to coin the small dates! Both are quite rare, of course. We checked around and were unable to locate a previous appearance of this coin, but it may be the 1982 Boston ANA specimen (Steve Ivy Auctions) noted in Breen's Encyclopedia. Eliasberg didn't have an example of the small date, and the Garrett coin was not quite mint state. This one can be identified by a small low area on the rim above the eighth star, a tiny nick on the truncation above and left of the 1 in the date, and on the reverse by a small tick below and touching the right serif of the first A in AMERICA. In PCGS holder #6568506. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$90,000-UP

\$5 Liberty / No Motto

Mint State 1850-C Half Eagle



- 2001 1850-C. NGC graded MS-61.** A well struck and problem-free specimen. NGC has certified but 8 in this grade with 5 higher.
Estimated Value \$7,500-9,000



- 2002 1854. PCGS graded MS-60.** Scarce in this grade, as are all mint state no motto half eagles. Approximately one half of the fields show low areas on both sides, either both dies had some grease on them or this one wasn't well struck. Other areas are sharp. This striking phenomenon is common on coins from this era. We note a long hidden mark down Liberty's crown and curls, accounting for the grade.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500

\$5 Gold



- 2003 1855-S. PCGS graded AU-58.** Most of the original mintage was lost, or spent down to much lower grades. To find a nearly mint state example will certainly take time for even the most advanced numismatist. This particular coin boasts superb surfaces that show mint fresh luster and no problem marks or ticks. There is one small low area where the coin was not fully struck extending between the first star and the date, and just missing the truncation on Liberty. Abundant eye appeal for the date, and much better than most "58s" we see. PCGS has graded 10 this high, with a single coin graded higher (MS-62), placing this coin in a select group as one of the finest known of the date. Truly an opportunity.

Estimated Value \$5,000-6,000



- 2004 1859. NGC graded MS-62.** A needle sharp strike and with enough reflective surface in the protected areas as to be suggestive of a proof. A low mintage date with only a handful being saved. One of only 5 graded by the service with none higher. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$5,000-UP

High Grade 1865-S Half Eagle



- 2005 1865-S. NGC graded AU-58.** A fully lustrous example that has a few too many light contact marks to qualify as strictly mint state. A decidedly rare coin in grades above Very Fine and in this state of preservation, only a small handful exist. Between both leading grading services, only 5 have grade fully Mint State.

Estimated Value \$7,000-8,000

\$5 Liberty / With Motto



- 2006 1876-CC. AU-53.** A very pleasing example with excellent eye-appeal. The surfaces appear to have been lightly cleaned, and perhaps the rims have been slightly smoothed; nevertheless, plenty of mint luster remains. A very rare coin that is seldom offered in such high grade.

Estimated Value \$5,000-6,000

- 2007 1881, 1882 and 1893. A trio which grades from AU-50 to 55.** Lot of 3 coins.

Estimated Value \$350-400

- 2008 1886-S. MS-63.** A frosty mint example.

Estimated Value \$300-350



- 2009 1890-CC. PCGS graded MS-61.** Frosty luster and fairly well preserved for the moderate grade assigned. We note the obverse is clean for the grade, while the reverse has minute, but widely scattered ticks. Scarce this nice.

Estimated Value \$800-1,000

*From Superior Galleries Boys Town Sale,
May 27-29, 1990, lot 4762.*

Gorgeous Proof 1894 \$5 Liberty



- 2010 1894. PCGS graded Proof 64 Cameo.** A remarkable proof specimen with excellent cameo contrast and as such is recognized on the holder by the grading service. Its color is warm golden, the fields appear with watery mirror depth. Only 75 proofs were made. **Population: 11, with only 2 higher.** It would be hard to imagine any more beautiful than this one.

Estimated Value \$10,000-12,000

- 2011 1899. MS-60.** Typical handling marks and well struck by the dies.

Estimated Value \$150-200

- 2012 1899 Closed 9 variety.** Together with: 1900, both grade MS-60 or better. Two coins in lot.

Estimated Value \$300-350

\$5 Gold

2013 1900. NGC graded MS-63. Sparkles with frosty mint luster.
Estimated Value \$350-450

2014 1901. MS-63. Nice luster and decent surfaces for the grade.
Estimated Value \$350-400



2015 1901-S. NGC graded MS-64. A satiny mint beauty. Ideal for a top quality type set.
Estimated Value \$700-850

2016 1902-S. MS-60+. Clean surfaces, but we note some trivial hairlines.
Estimated Value \$200-250



2017 1903. PCGS graded Proof 62. Struck in the all mirror finish peculiar to 1902-03. Moderate handling marks on the obverse, and moreso on the reverse account for the grade. Nearly choice, and a decent coin for the grade.
Estimated Value \$3,000-4,000



2018 1903-S. PCGS graded MS-64. A gorgeous example, well struck and frosty with natural light golden-rose mint bloom color.
Estimated Value \$750-850

2019 1903-S. NGC graded MS-63. Sparkles with mint luster.
Estimated Value \$350-450

2020 1903-S. NGC graded MS-63. A fully lustrous example.
Estimated Value \$350-450

2021 1903-S. MS-63. Nice and frosty and delicately toned.
Estimated Value \$300-350

2022 1903-S. MS-60+. Nice luster and a few hairlines.
Estimated Value \$200-250



2023 1906. NGC graded MS-66. A splendid satiny mint gem with wonderful eye appeal. Delicate golden-orange with pale olive overtones and a coppery toning spot at the first star.
Estimated Value \$3,750-4,250



2024 1906-D. PCGS graded MS-64. Nice and frosty with undisturbed mint color that is enhanced by a hint of light olive tone about the extreme borders.
Estimated Value \$750-850

2025 1907. PCGS graded MS-63. Nice color and surfaces for the average choice grade.
Estimated Value \$400-450

2026 1907. NGC graded MS-62. Decent luster and nice surfaces for the moderate grade.
Estimated Value \$200-220

2027 1907 and 1907-D. Both grade MS-60+. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$400-500



2028 1907-D. NGC graded MS-64. Well struck and satiny with remarkably clean surfaces and even golden-orange mint color. We note a faint surface scratch in the reverse field before LIBERTY that can only be seen under magnification when tipped to a light source. A date that is always in demand for an "all mints" type set.
Estimated Value \$750-850

\$5 Indian



2029 1908. PCGS graded MS-64. Well struck and frosty. A beautiful example and the first year of issue.
Estimated Value \$2,400-2,800

2030 1908. NGC graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$700-800



2031 1908-D. PCGS graded MS-63. A scarcer date, this one has good luster and a few scattered scuffs.
Estimated Value \$750-800

2032 1908-D. MS-60+. Rich golden luster within the recessed devices.
Estimated Value \$250-350

2033 1909. MS-60. Average luster and surfaces.
Estimated Value \$250-300

\$5 Gold



- 2034 1909-D. NGC graded MS-64.** A high grade example of the type.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 2035 1909-D. NGC graded MS-64.** A fully lustrous example.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 2036 1909-D. PCGS graded MS-64 Premium Quality.** Rich golden-orange mint luster with light olive overtones.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 2037 1909-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** An exquisite specimen, well struck and frosty with a hint of natural pinkish and golden mint color.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500



- 2038 1909-D. PCGS graded MS-63 Premium Quality.** Rich golden-orange mint luster with delicate pale olive overtones.
Estimated Value \$750-UP



- 2039 1909-D. PCGS graded MS-63 Premium Quality.**
Estimated Value \$750-UP
- 2040 1909-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Attractive golden-orange mint color.
Estimated Value \$700-800

- 2041 1909-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Fully lustrous and well struck.
Estimated Value \$700-800

- 2042 1909-D. NGC graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$700-800



- 2043 1909-D. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$700-800



- 2044 1909-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Bright and lustrous with areas of darker orange toning.
Estimated Value \$700-800

- 2045 1909-D. MS-60.** Fresh surfaces and pleasing.
Estimated Value \$225-275

- 2046 1909-D. Lot of 2 coins grading AU-58 and EF-45 respectively.**
Estimated Value \$325-375

- 2047 1909-D (4 pieces).** These all grade AU-55 to MS-60. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$700-800

- 2048 1910-D (2 pieces).** Both grade AU-55. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$350-400



- 2049 1912. NGC graded MS-64.** Well struck and sparkles with golden-olive luster.
Estimated Value \$2,400-2,800

- 2050 1912. MS-60.** Nice color and decent surfaces.
Estimated Value \$225-250

- 2051 1913 (2 pieces).** Both grade AU-58. A bright pair. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$400-450

- 2052 1915 (2 pieces).** These graded AU-50 to 55. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$350-400

- 2053 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914-D and 1915.** These grade AU-50 to 55. Lot of 5 coins.
Estimated Value \$850-950

\$10 Gold

\$10 Capped Bust / Small Eagle

The Granberg-Wooden-Newcomer-Black 1795 9 Leaves



Enlarged



2054 1795. 9 leaves below eagle, Taraszka-9, Breen 4-C, Rarity-6. PCGS graded MS-60. This is the Breen Encyclopedia plate coin for his number 6831, and has a famous pedigree which is listed below. On the obverse, we note several low areas which the dies did not manage to fill when this coin was struck, and this is evidence of an improperly rolled planchet. These are located around the second star and into the field above and near the rim opposite the thirteenth star. As noted in the 1794 silver dollar description in this sale, the first batches of silver and gold were not that pure, and had to be refined at the Mint. This process was very difficult, and the equipment and training were not fully up to the task. Hence, many early planchets are defective (see the 1795 BB-13, B-9 silver dollar in this sale as well) and even after their best efforts, planchets could still show preparation problems as seen here, with small low areas in the fields, streaks or planchet splits or defects. Other 1795 9 leaf eagles show similar planchet problems and it is likely that this consignment of gold was difficult to refine and roll into blanks, causing these planchet problems. This planchet was a bit too heavy, so the excess gold was removed by adjusting the planchet with a file, and light adjustment marks can be seen with a glass on Liberty.

As if it wasn't enough to have problem planchets, the reverse die used to strike this coin shows signs of high stress, despite what had to be a very low mintage. Note how the die is sinking (bubbles in the die steel) around the first T of STATES at the top, below and right of the first A in AMERICA, and below the second leaf point counting from the right to the rim where a wavy crack has formed, and a circular crack is located touching the leaf point. As noted scholar Walter Breen stated in the New Netherlands 55th Sale on the 9 leaf in the Cicero Sale....

"Rarity of the variety is difficult to explain; probably the reverse die breaks advanced rapidly, and in general heavy die breaks on gold are not found because the dies were often inspected and quickly condemned when breaks were found. Gold was far more a public relations item for the U. S. Government than silver or copper, and care was taken to avoid die breaks or blunders on gold as never on lower denominations."

We agree with Breen, and suspect that the reverse die did fail as the bubbles in the reverse die failed rapidly, causing large lumps on the first T of STATES and below the first A of AMERICA as noted, possibly under the branch too. As always, the early days at the Mint posed many problems, and working with defective planchets, lousy equipment and in poor working conditions didn't help. 1795 is the first year of issue, and this is certainly rarest die pairing of the year with approximately 15 known (See Anthony Taraszka's excellent reference on eagles for a list, or the Breen Encyclopedia). PCGS has only graded a single example as MS-60 (this one), and 6 are graded higher (best MS-63). An exceptional rarity that is seldom offered. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$100,000-125,000

This is the Granberg-Wooden-Newcomer-Black coin, ex: Auction '90, David Akers, 8/1990:1916.

\$10 Gold

Classic Uncirculated 1796 Eagle



Enlarged



2055 1796. Taraszka-6, Breen 1-A, Rarity-4. NGC graded MS-62. Here is a rare coin in mint state. The surfaces retain most of the original luster and we note trivial scattered ticks on both sides. Struck on a less than perfect planchet, with a number of small laminations and flaws on both sides, more noticeable in the fields than on the devices. Similar in fact to the 1795 9 leaf just offered, which has planchet problems. Identifiable by a small rectangular void in the lowest drapery fold above the 96 in the date, and by a small lamination on Liberty's jaw, reaching down towards her neck. On the reverse, there is a small planchet flake in the field just left of the lower body of the eagle, below the wing, and scattered tiny planchet flakes through most of the fields. Minor hairlines on the prooflike surfaces, and quite appealing despite the trivial problems. NGC has only graded 2 this high, with none graded higher, similar at PCGS where they have graded 3 as MS-62, with a single coin graded higher as MS-63. There is a good chance that this coin is well within the top six known of the date (certainly of those certified) and one that would make a worthy acquisition by a specialist in the series, or a date collector who wants a really special example. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$60,000-80,000

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Lovely 1797 Capped Bust Small Eagle



Enlarged



Enlarged

- 2056 1797. Small eagle, Taraszka-7, Breen 1-A, Rarity-5. NGC graded AU-53.** A magnificent example of this coveted variety. The devices are fairly well struck with strong definition on the stars and most of the curls on Liberty and the eagle boasts most of his proud breast feathers. Light wear only on the uppermost devices. One can tell that the engraver was working with an obverse die that had 15 stars, and he had to add the 16th star by the time this obverse was used. Therefore, the additional star was crammed into the space near the 1 in the date, and the stars are arranged in the curious 12 X 4 division. The obverse die cracked early, with a break extending towards the center from 4 o'clock. As to the reverse, it is the same die that was used to coin the 1796 eagles. We note some faint adjustment marks at the center of the reverse, and there is an old scratch below the wreath and into the eagle's neck. One other mark should help to identify this one, it's very tiny, but deep, and located between fifth and sixth leaves in the branch. Color photo.

Estimated Value \$40,000-50,000

\$10 Capped Bust / Heraldic Eagle

Choice AU 1797 \$10 Capped Bust Large Eagle



- 2057 1797. Large eagle, Taraszka-8: 6-E, Breen 2-B, Rarity-4. NGC graded AU-58.** Toned with a light coppery gold color on both sides, the surfaces retain some luster and the strike is sharp. This would make a nice type coin for the collector as it is a common variety and virtually a new coin. Examination will locate minor handling ticks, but there are no surface problems whatsoever. There are no visible adjustment marks and the devices are very well struck on both the obverse and reverse, including the stars which are frequently weak. We note that the reverse die has been touched up, with the dentils strengthened over the E of STATES, and the second T of STATES has also been touched up, with the post now extending up beyond the crossbar, that or a small die lump has formed in this area.

Estimated Value \$9,500-11,500

\$10 Gold

1798 \$10 Capped Bust. 8 over 7, 9 stars left, 4 right



Enlarged



- 2058** 1798. 8 over 7, 9 stars left, 4 right, Tarazska-9, Rarity-4+. PCGS graded MS-61. Long considered to be very rare, enough recent appearances seem to support a population of closer to 100 rather than Breen's suggested 18-20 known (per his Encyclopedia). However, most of those known are circulated examples, unlike this lovely mint state coin here. Abundant luster in the fields and the devices are well struck by the dies. Moderate adjustment marks can be seen with a glass on the obverse, as made. It has long been considered that only 900 were struck, based on the Mint's official warrants for 1798, but more research needs to be done, as some 1797 coins were struck *after* this 1798, given advanced die state analysis done by Anthony Taraszka, making the Mints warrants a good guide, but not necessarily as straight forward as one might hope. All 1798 eagles are rare, and the date has long been held in high regard as so few are known when compared with many other dates in this series. This particular one should be identifiable from previous sales by a small spot just touching the middle of Liberty's neck, and a short line extending from the last S of STATES (this is a small planchet defect). Of course, with so few known in Mint State, there have only been a few auctioned over the years. This is not the Eliasberg or Carter coin, but might be the Baldenhofer or Davis-Graves specimen, or perhaps one that has escaped being memorialized in an auction until recently. PCGS has graded just 3 this high, *with none graded higher*. This will give an indication of just how truly rare this coin is in full mint state grades. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$50,000-70,000

\$10 Gold

Choice Uncirculated 1800 Eagle



Enlarged



Enlarged

- 2059 1800. Taraszka-23, Breen 1-A, Rarity-4. PCGS graded MS-63.** Reported mintage of 5,999 makes this one of the rare dates of the early eagle series. Only one pair of dies was used to coin these, and all show a die crack through the tops of LIBERTY. We note some adjustment marks along the reverse rim. Toned with delicate golden copper shades near the devices, and with very appealing surfaces and color. PCGS has graded 6 this high, with 3 graded higher. Color photo.
Estimated Value \$30,000-UP



- 2060 1803. Sharpness of VF-30 but used as jewelry.** The surfaces are abraded and this coin was obviously used as jewelry. Probably mounted, as there is a dark area on the rim below the date, on both the edge and in the dentils. Inspection mandatory.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

Sharp 1803 Eagle Large Reverse Stars



- 2061 1803. Large reverse stars, Taraszka-30: 18-R, Breen 1-E, Rarity-4. NGC graded AU-50.** Delicate gold to copper toning on both the obverse and reverse and well struck for this date. We note one minor rim bump below the 3 in the date, and this should serve to hallmark this coin. Much larger stars than on the other reverse dies of the year, and this creates a minor type variety for the collector. These early eagles are very scarce, most were lost or melted soon after they were struck, and very few have been located today for the many collectors who desire to own a decent example.
Estimated Value \$5,500-6,500

\$10 Gold



- 2062 1803. Sharpness of EF-45 but harshly cleaned and burnished.** The surfaces have been harshly cleaned and burnished and reflect heavy cleaning lines. Appealing if you want a high grade coin for a moderate price. Inspection mandatory.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

From Superior Galleries October 2000 Sale, lot 4692.

\$10 Coronet / No Motto

High Grade 1839 Type 1 Eagle



- 2063 1839. Large letters. NGC graded AU-58.** An important and rare type coin in high grades, NGC has graded just 15 this high with a scant 6 graded higher in various mint state grades. Some luster near the devices and the coin is well struck for this date. The swept back hair on Liberty covers her ear, and the letters are a different style from later issues from 1839 onward, creating this short-lived type coin for 1833 to 1839. Identifiable by a few ticks left of the date, and a short scratch by the lower right serif of the E in TEN.
Estimated Value \$5,000-6,000



- 2064 1850. Large date. NGC graded MS-61.** A boldly struck example of the No Motto type eagle.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000
- 2065 1851-O. EF-45.** Minor hairlines but otherwise the surface are decent for the grade. This one has the "O" ring near the top of the vertical stripes in the shield, which must have been some kind of centering thingy for the die maker.
Estimated Value \$300-400



- 2066 1855. MS-60 Plus.** A better than average struck example with fully defined hair detail. The surfaces are shimmering with frosty mint luster and are free from noteworthy marks. An ideal example of the no motto type that is seldom seen nicer.
Estimated Value \$2,500-UP



- 2067 1864-S. ANACS graded AU Details, Net EF-40, Bent-Cleaned.** It is hard to see where this coin is bent in the holder, but we'll take their word for it. Moderate handling marks, including on Liberty's face, and rather extensive hairlines from a past cleaning. A rare date that this seldom offered at all, and many have been touched up as seen here over the last century. Only 2,500 were coined, and precious few are offered. We note some minor staining in the field below Liberty's chin.
Estimated Value \$3,500-UP

\$10 Coronet / With Motto



- 2068 1868. NGC graded AU-55.** Scarce low mintage date.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250
- 2069 1879-S. VF-35.** Some luster remains, but a bit baggy as are most seen in the grade range assigned.
Estimated Value \$150-200
- 2070 1880-S. MS-60.**
Estimated Value \$225-275
- 2071 1880-S, 1881-S and 1882. These grade AU-58.** Good luster on each, and a few trivial handling marks. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$450-550

\$10 Gold



- 2072 1882-O. NGC graded AU-58.** Well struck with traces of mirror surfaces around the protected areas of the periphery. Even scarcer than its low mintage indicates, particularly so in such high grade.

Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500

- 2073 1882-S.** Lot of 2 pieces, both **Mint State 60**. We note one coin has some mint caused tar streaks across the obverse surfaces.

Estimated Value \$500-600

- 2074 1885. MS-60.** A few hairlines and a small planchet flaw near the eagle's beak.

Estimated Value \$250-300



- 2075 1886. ANACS graded NET PF 60, "PF Altered Surfaces".** This one has light hairlines in the fields and a delicate copper tone too. Frosted devices and still appealing. Rare, just 60 were coined in all, this one has minor handling but retains a nice appearance. A glass will locate some trivial marks, as always and examination will find a faint mark in the left obverse field that has been carefully smoothed out, and this is scarcely noticeable, which accounts for the "altered surfaces" on the ANACS holder. Still a nice proof coin, with loads of eye appeal and an affordable example of some of the finest workmanship of the Philadelphia Mint (and some decent work later too!) Inspection recommended, as always, and much better than we make it sound as few would detect the delicate repair work.

Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000



- 2076 1886. MS-63.** A well struck and intensely lustrous example and quite scarce in this high grade.

Estimated Value \$750-UP

- 2077 1887-S and 1892.** These both grade **AU-58**. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$300-350

- 2078 1888. AU-53.** A slightly better date, but this one has moderate handling ticks.

Estimated Value \$200-250



- 2079 1890-CC. PCGS graded MS-61 Premium Quality.** One of the better ones to come down to us, we note PCGS has graded 16 this high, with 13 graded higher (all MS-62), and nothing above that. This particular coin has nice luster, and moderate hairlines visible under a lamp, otherwise the surfaces are clean for the grade. Worth a decent bid from collector's who have been unable to locate a pleasing specimen for their date set.

Estimated Value \$1,500-UP

- 2080 1891-CC. PCGS graded AU-55.** Some luster remains and this one is well struck. Always popular for the CC Mintmark.

Estimated Value \$500-600

- 2081 1892-O. MS-60.** Flashy bright luster on both sides and a slightly better date.

Estimated Value \$250-300

- 2082 1893 and 1894 (2 pieces).** These grade **AU-50 to 58**. Lot of 3 coins.

Estimated Value \$450-500

- 2083 1894. AU-58.** A lovely slider.

Estimated Value \$150-175

- 2084 1895 and 1897.** The first grades **AU-55**, the second **AU-50**. Lot of 2 coins.

Estimated Value \$300-350



- 2085 1895-O. PCGS graded MS-62 Bass.** A strictly brilliant uncirculated example and as such quite scarce.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,200

Ex Harry Bass Sale

- 2086 1897-O. AU-55.** A somewhat scarce date.

Estimated Value \$250-300

- 2087 1897-O. AU-53.** A few scattered ticks from limited circulation.

Estimated Value \$200-250



- 2088 1899. NGC graded MS-64.** Frosty mint luster abounds.

Estimated Value \$800-1,000

- 2089 1899. AU-55** and fully proof-like. Together with: **1900** in **AU-55**. Two coins in lot.

Estimated Value \$300-350

- 2090 1900. MS-63.** Rich golden toning on the reverse.

Estimated Value \$400-500

Ultra Cameo Proof 1901 Eagle



- 2091 1901. Proof 64 Ultra Cameo.** Philadelphia coined 85 in Proof for 1901, and this is one of the early ones as the dies show ample frost on the devices, unlike most, which show average frost. Hence, this is one of the ultra cameo coins, from the first few struck when the dies had the most frost in the devices, and create the most cameo contrast. Excellent surfaces and color, with just a few stray lines from handling. A rare and desirable example of this stunning coin.
Estimated Value \$11,000-13,000



- 2092 1901. PCGS graded MS-64.** Rich with deep golden-orange mint bloom color.
Estimated Value \$850-1,050



- 2093 1901. PCGS graded MS-64.** Rich coppery-golden mint bloom color.
Estimated Value \$850-1,050



- 2094 1901. PCGS graded MS-64.** Another splendid example exhibiting rich coppery-golden mint luster.
Estimated Value \$850-1,050
- 2095 1901. NGC graded MS-64.** Frosty mint luster.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000
- 2096 1901. NGC graded MS-64.**
Estimated Value \$800-1,000
- 2097 1901. NGC graded MS-64.** Nice and frosty with a light coppery spot in Liberty's hair.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000

- 2098 1901. NGC graded MS-63.** Frosty mint luster. We note a faint copper spot on the last star.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2099 1901. MS-63.** A few hairlines, but nice color and surfaces otherwise.
Estimated Value \$350-450
- 2100 1901. MS-60 Plus.**
Estimated Value \$200-250
- 2101 1901, 1904 and 1905.** These grade AU-55 to MS-60. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$450-500



- 2102 1901-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** This is "the" common date of eagles, with 509 graded this high, and 103 higher according to PCGS. One small planchet flaw at the top of the second A in AMERICA will serve to identify. Great luster and clean surfaces.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,300



- 2103 1901-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Satiny golden-orange mint color.
Estimated Value \$850-1,050



- 2104 1901-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Sparkling with brilliant mint luster.
Estimated Value \$850-1,050



- 2105 1901-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** A totally original example with rich golden-orange mint color.
Estimated Value \$850-1,050
- 2106 1901-S. NGC graded MS-64.** Bright and fully lustrous.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000

\$10 Gold



- 2107 1901-S. NGC graded MS-64.** Nice and satiny.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000
- 2108 1901-S (3 pieces).** These grade AU-50 to 55. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$450-500
- 2109 1902-S. NGC graded MS-64.** A frosty mint beauty with a touch of golden tone.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000
- 2110 1905. And 1906. AU-50 to AU-55.** Two coins in lot.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2111 1906-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Frosty and naturally toned. Popular for inclusion in an "all mints" type set.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2112 1906-D and 1907-D. These grade AU-58.** Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$350-400



- 2113 1907. NGC graded MS-64.** Frosty and lightly toned. Last year of the type.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000
- 2114 1907 (2 pieces).** These grade MS-60 to MS-60+. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2115 1907 (3 pieces).** These grade MS-60. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$450-550
- 2116 1907 (3 pieces).** These grade MS-60. Lot of 3 pieces.
Estimated Value \$450-550
- 2117 1907 (3 pieces).** These grade AU-55. Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$450-500

\$10 Indian



- 2118 1907. No periods. ICG graded MS-63.** A satiny mint example and quite choice. A hint of pale olive-gold further enhances its eye appeal.
Estimated Value \$1,100-1,300

- 2119 1909-S. NGC graded AU-58.** This one just barely circulated. Minor hairlines.
Estimated Value \$350-400
- 2120 1910. NGC graded MS-63.** Frosty with some golden-olive overtones.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2121 1911. MS-63.** A golden beauty with shimmering luster and almost no abrasions. As good as it gets at this grade level!
Estimated Value \$500-600
- 2122 1911. MS-63.** A rather choice example with nice clean lustrous surfaces.
Estimated Value \$500-600



- 2123 1911-D. NGC graded MS-61.** Quite scarce in Mint State as most encountered have seen circulation.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000
- 2124 1912. AU-55.**
Estimated Value \$250-300



- 2125 1912-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** A rare coin in this grade, PCGS has awarded just 30 coins this grade for 1912-S eagles, above that are 6 as MS-65, and a single coin at the top as MS-66. In other words, this would be an excellent choice for a date collector who demands top quality without spending a fortune. Great color and luster, with copper hues on both sides in the fields. One minor bagmark on the eagle's wing, just above his back leg.
Estimated Value \$3,500-4,000



- 2126 1926. PCGS graded MS-64.** Strong luster and just a few ticks from full gem.
Estimated Value \$850-900
- 2127 1926. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2128 1926. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2129 1926. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$400-500

\$10 Gold

- 2130 1926. PCGS graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2131 1926. PCGS graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2132 1926. NGC graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2133 1926. NGC graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2134 1926. NGC graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2135 1926. NGC graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2136 1926. NGC graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500



- 2137 1932. PCGS graded MS-64. A very choice and beautiful example exhibiting full mint bloom color. An ideal coin for a choice quality type set.
Estimated Value \$850-950



- 2138 1932. NGC graded MS-64. Bright and totally lustrous.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000
- 2139 1932. NGC graded MS-64. Bright and lustrous.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000



- 2140 1932. MS-64. Lovely mint bloom throughout, with well struck devices. One natural copper spot on the last feather above the date, and a few handling ticks from perfection.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000
- 2141 1932. PCGS graded MS-63. A nice piece for the hoarder or date collector. In an old small PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$450-500
- 2142 1932. PCGS graded MS-63. Attractive golden-olive overtones.
Estimated Value \$400-500

- 2143 1932. PCGS graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2144 1932. PCGS graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2145 1932. PCGS graded MS-63.
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- 2146 1932. PCGS graded MS-63.
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- 2161 1932. NGC graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2162 1932. NGC graded MS-63.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2163 1932. MS-60. Flashy luster, but a few ticks on the devices.
Estimated Value \$250-300

Double Eagles (\$20 Gold Pieces)

\$20 Liberty/With Motto

- 2164 1873-S. MS-60.** Softly struck with the normal allotment of light marks commensurate for the grade.

Estimated Value \$800-900

- 2165 1878-CC. Sharpness of VF-30 but cleaned and burnished.** Inspection a must.

Estimated Value \$500-750



- 2166 1879-CC. EF-40.** Nice surfaces for the grade, with some luster in the fields, and the strike is pretty strong. Coppery toning and a few minor hairlines, which don't detract much.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,300

From Superior Galleries sale, October 2000, lot 4806.

Top End 1879-O \$20 Liberty



- 2167 1879-O. AU-50.** A wonderful high grade example of this sought-after date. A lustrous example, free from noticeable scratches and bumps. Some fine hairlines are present from moderate cleaning at one time. This was the last year double eagles were struck at the New Orleans mint, a mere 2325 were coined.

Estimated Value \$7,500-UP

- 2168 1881-S. MS-60.** Fully lustrous with a scattering of contact marks.

Estimated Value \$600-700



- 2169 1883-CC. NGC graded AU-53.** Clean surfaces for the grade, with good color too. Scarce and always in demand.

Estimated Value \$700-900



- 2170 1884-CC. NGC graded AU-53.** Prooflike surfaces that show all the tiny ticks from even brief circulation. Medium gold color and sharp.

Estimated Value \$700-900

- 2171 1888-S. PCGS graded MS-61.** Usual bagmarks on deeply toned gold surfaces.

Estimated Value \$350-400

- 2172 1888-S. NGC graded MS-61.** A real nice old-gold dirty look.

Estimated Value \$350-400

- 2173 1888-S. NGC graded MS-61.** Same as the last one.

Estimated Value \$350-400

- 2174 1889-CC. AU-55.** Cracked out of an NGC holder where this coin was graded AU 55 so Dr. Kardatzke could place it in his large Capital Plastics holder. We note however, that the rim has been lightly filed on the obverse behind Liberty's hair bun, in order to hide a rim bump (very successfully too). Only 30,945 struck.

Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250

Ex Dr. Jon Kardatzke Sale, June 4-6, 2000, Lot 1817

- 2175 1889-S. MS-60.** Cracked out of an NGC holder where it was graded MS 60. Some staining on the lower obverse, but clean surfaces and pleasing otherwise.

Estimated Value \$300-350

Double Eagles (\$20 Gold Pieces)



- 2176 1890-CC. PCGS graded MS-61.** Orange gold luster with a splash of toning on the reverse rim. The surfaces show moderate handling marks, as expected for the grade and Mint. This one is in an old green insert PCGS holder. Scarce any better, with 41 graded this high in the PCGS Population Report, and just 14 graded higher.
Estimated Value \$2,000-2,500

- 2177 1890-S. NGC graded MS-61.** Dirty and stained, old-gold color, loads of luster.
Estimated Value \$325-375

- 2178 1891-S. PCGS graded MS-62.** Another with nice old dirty surfaces, fresh from a Mint bag!
Estimated Value \$400-500

- 2179 1891-S. PCGS graded MS-62.** Original as anything can be. Wonderful old-gold color. Usual bagmarks, of course.
Estimated Value \$400-500



- 2180 1892-CC. NGC graded AU-50.** The reverse shows minor doubling at the periphery. Good color and the usual circulation marks.
Estimated Value \$900-1,100

- 2181 1892-CC. ANACS graded AU details, net EF-40.** The cleaning resulted in some healthy hairlines, but the coin is still decent for the net grade.
Estimated Value \$500-650

- 2182 1893-S. AU-50.** Average surfaces for the grade.
Estimated Value \$275-325

- 2183 1894. NGC graded MS-63.** Clean surfaces for the grade and colored in rich gold luster. Scarce this nice.
Estimated Value \$800-900

- 2184 1894. MS-60.** A nice coin for this common date.
Estimated Value \$275-325

- 2185 1894-S. AU-58.** Abundant flash, but a touch of rub.
Estimated Value \$275-325

- 2186 1895-S. AU-53.** Moderate bagmarks and very lustrous.
Estimated Value \$275-325

- 2187 1896. AU-53.** Lightly bagmarked, but lustrous.
Estimated Value \$275-325

- 2188 1897. PCGS graded MS-63.** Excellent surfaces for the grade, one minor scrape in the lower right obverse field, but good color and surfaces otherwise.
Estimated Value \$400-425

- 2189 1897. AU-58.** Nice for the grade, with fewer bagmarks than usual.
Estimated Value \$275-325

- 2190 1898. ANACS graded MS-60.** Original color and decent surfaces for the grade.
Estimated Value \$275-325



- 2191 1898-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Scarce in this grade as most are found more bagmarked than offered here. Rich golden luster and sharply struck. PCGS has graded 307 this high, with a mere 19 higher. Clean face on Liberty.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,150

- 2192 1899. AU-55.** Lightly circulated, and moderately marked.
Estimated Value \$275-325



- 2193 1899-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** Much scarcer than generally known in higher grades, PCGS has seen just 96 this high and 3 higher. Bear that in mind if you need this date for your collection.
Estimated Value \$1,900-2,200

- 2194 1900. PCGS graded MS-63.** Great color and clean surfaces for the grade. A few stray hairlines.
Estimated Value \$400-440

- 2195 1900. MS-62.** Nice old color and only small abrasions.
Estimated Value \$350-400

- 2196 1900. MS-61.** Nice old-time color but a number of mostly small abrasions.
Estimated Value \$300-350

Double Eagles (\$20 Gold Pieces)



- 2197 1900-S. NGC graded MS-63.** Scattered handling marks from bag storage and transport, and luster in the fields. Sharply struck.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,400
- 2198 1900-S. PCGS graded MS-62.** Prooflike fields, lovely old-time color, no major abrasions. A lovely coin for the grade.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2199 1900-S. MS-60.** A few bagmarks on the reverse, nice on the obverse with loads of luster.
Estimated Value \$275-325
- 2200 1902-S. MS-60.** Loads of tiny bagmarks, but the luster is booming and the color is wonderful.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2201 1902-S. MS-60.** Zipped out of an NGC holder where this coin was graded MS 60. Rather baggy, but still flashy.
Estimated Value \$275-325
- 2202 1903-S. NGC graded MS-62.** Glowing luster and fresh surfaces!
Estimated Value \$400-500



- 2203 1904. PCGS graded MS-65.** A gorgeous satiny mint gem.
Estimated Value \$1,500-2,000



- 2204 1904. NGC graded MS-65.** Areas of natural mottled toning on the obverse.
Estimated Value \$1,500-1,750
- 2205 1904. PCGS graded MS-64.** Attractive golden-olive overtones.
Estimated Value \$600-700
- 2206 1904. PCGS graded MS-64.** Bright and lustrous.
Estimated Value \$600-700

- 2207 1904. PCGS graded MS-64.** Bright and lustrous, with a rich golden color.
Estimated Value \$600-700
- 2208 1904. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$350-400
- 2209 1904. MS-63.** Rich gold color and nice luster.
Estimated Value \$350-400
- 2210 1904. MS-62.** Coppery toning on this common date.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2211 1904. MS-61.** Rubs on the face from other coins (not from circulation). A pretty coin with excellent luster and color.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2212 1904. MS-61.** Lovely old-gold color and lotsa life! It's a joy to look at coins like these, saved decades ago, kept in old envelopes, treasured privately in dark drawers--and now available to a new generation of admirers.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2213 1904. MS-60.** Good luster and clean for the grade.
Estimated Value \$275-325
- 2214 1904. MS-60.** Another flashy mint state hoard coin.
Estimated Value \$275-325
- 2215 1904. MS-60.** Flashy.
Estimated Value \$275-325
- 2216 1904. AU-58.** Nearly new.
Estimated Value \$275-325
- 2217 1904-S. AU-58.** A few reeding marks on Liberty's cheek.
Estimated Value \$275-325
- 2218 1905-S. AU-55.** Flashy luster, but lightly circulated.
Estimated Value \$275-325



- 2219 1907. PCGS graded MS-64.** Decent surfaces for this date.
Estimated Value \$1,200-1,400
- 2220 1907. PCGS graded MS-63.** A few faint dull scrapes on Liberty's face from a higher grade.
Estimated Value \$360-390
- 2221 1907. MS-63.** Accompanied by an NGC tag stating the grade as MS 64. Fresh surfaces that boast few bagmarks.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2222 1903, 1904 and 1907 Liberty. These grade AU-58 to MS-60.** Lot of 3 coins.
Estimated Value \$750-850
- 2223 1907-S. NGC graded MS-62.** Undisturbed, original surfaces. Satiny greenish gold! We were told this went straight from a Mint bag in Europe to NGC some ten years ago. Do check it out.
Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2224 1907-S. MS-61.** Flashy luster, but hairlined from wiping with a cloth. The end of an era.
Estimated Value \$350-400

Double Eagles (\$20 Gold Pieces)

\$20 St. Gaudens

Near Gem High Relief



- 2225 1907. High relief, Roman numerals, wire rim. PCGS graded MS-64.** A beautiful example of this, our most popular coin. Remember this is fairly close to the way St. Gaudens wanted his coin to look, with the medallion strike and mile high devices. Great color, strike and luster throughout. With a shadow bit of toning near the eagle's head in the field.
Estimated Value \$10,000-12,500



- 2226 1907. High relief, Roman numerals, wire rim. PCGS graded MS-62.** Ever popular for the regal design which is closest to the original St. Gaudens concept (aside from the prohibitively rare and expensive ultra high reliefs). Each coin was struck seven to nine times in order to bring up the design elements, and relatively few were struck before the high relief design was drastically reduced. A few signs of contact, but quite nice for the moderate grade. Still in an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$6,500-7,500



- 2227 1907. High relief, Roman numerals, wire rim. MS-60+.** This one has been cleaned in the past as we note traces of residue in the drapery folds on Liberty. Along the upper reverse rim, many letters show doubling from the multiple strikes required to bring up the high relief of the design. A few minor marks are noted along the rims, possibly where the delicate wire edge was removed. These coins were struck, and handled by countless collectors over the years, and despite all precautions, few are found in near perfect condition. This one is perfect for the collector who wants to be able to handle such a coin, and show it off on a velvet tray.
Estimated Value \$6,000-7,000



- 2228 1907. Flat relief, Arabic numerals. PCGS graded MS-65.** About as nice as this date is usually found, with the recent PCGS Population Report showing 940 graded this high, but just 89 higher.
Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600
- 2229 1907. Flat relief, Arabic numerals. PCGS graded MS-63.** A choice example of this first year of issue.
Estimated Value \$450-500
- 2230 1907. Flat relief, Arabic numerals. AU-50.** Softly struck down the centers and having a number of marks on both sides.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2231 1908. No motto. PCGS graded MS-64.** A few scuffs from a higher grade, but nice luster and color.
Estimated Value \$350-375
- 2232 1908. No motto. MS-60.** Satiny but dull luster.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2233 1908-D. No motto. MS-61.** Discolored on the high points from stacking. Nice color and luster. Only normal, small marks.
Estimated Value \$300-350

Double Eagles (\$20 Gold Pieces)



- 2234 1909. PCGS graded MS-63.** Average luster and a few ticks on Liberty's face. This is a scarce date and one that should considered by date collectors.

Estimated Value \$1,600-1,800

- 2235 1909-S. MS-61.** Bright with luster but showing quite a few abrasions on both sides.

Estimated Value \$300-350

- 2236 1909-S. MS-60.** Flashy and nice in appearance, but there is a faint obverse scratch from the branch end to the rim below.

Estimated Value \$300-350

- 2237 1910. MS-60.** Nice save for a couple of tiny rim ticks on the obverse.

Estimated Value \$300-350



- 2238 1910-D. NGC graded MS-65.** Far above average for this date, the surfaces are very clean and Liberty's face retains her lovely features. No significant bagmarks to distract the eye. One for the date collector.

Estimated Value \$800-900

- 2239 1910-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Clean surfaces for the grade, and good luster too. A nice strike on the high points.

Estimated Value \$325-375

- 2240 1910-D. MS-61.** Clean surfaces, but on the left reverse rim and field are two tiny planchet chips. Well struck.

Estimated Value \$300-350



- 2241 1911. NGC graded MS-64.** Great luster on both sides, and well struck too. Nearly a gem, and one of the tougher dates as no gigantic hoard was found of these, making the mint state pieces harder to locate.

Estimated Value \$1,400-1,600

- 2242 1911. PCGS graded MS-62.** A number of bagmarks in the eagle's feathers.

Estimated Value \$500-750



- 2243 1911-D. PCGS graded MS-65.** This one is the regular Mintmark, gem surfaces and great color. PCGS has seen 433 this high, with 120 graded higher.

Estimated Value \$800-900



- 2244 1911-D. PCGS graded MS-64.** Nice for the grade, and we note few signs of the usual disturbing marks. Glowing luster and well struck. Another double "D" Mintmark.

Estimated Value \$400-425

- 2245 1911-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** The D Mintmark is obviously double punched, called "rare" in Breen's Encyclopedia. Hazy toning over luster.

Estimated Value \$325-375

- 2246 1911-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** Nice luster and well struck.

Estimated Value \$325-375

- 2247 1911-D. MS-60.** Some minor bangs and along abrasion on the reverse take this to a 61, but the luster and color are great.

Estimated Value \$300-350

- 2248 1911-S. MS-64.** Choice for the grade, in fact this one was removed from an NGC holder where it was graded MS 64. Sharply impressed by the dies.

Estimated Value \$550-650



- 2249 1912. PCGS graded MS-63.** A choice example and rather scarce in this state of preservation.

Estimated Value \$750-850

- 2250 1912. AU-55.** A few rim ticks on the obverse, and a cut on Liberty's center and another on the reverse on CA of AMERICA.

Estimated Value \$300-350

Double Eagles (\$20 Gold Pieces)

- 2251 **1913. MS-62.** Pleasing for the grade, with strong luster and marks mainly hidden in the eagle's wings.
Estimated Value \$350-400
- 2252 **1913-D. MS-62.** Escaped from an NGC holder where this coin was graded MS 62 by that service.
Estimated Value \$450-550
- 2253 **1914-D. PCGS graded MS-63.** This one has a few minor scrapes and ticks from handling, but still a decent example of this scarce date.
Estimated Value \$325-375
- 2254 **1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2255 **1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2256 **1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2257 **1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2258 **1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2259 **1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2260 **1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2261 **1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2262 **1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2263 **1914-S. PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2264 **1914-S. NGC graded MS-63.** Scattered bagmarks evenly distributed on both sides. Good luster and choice.
Estimated Value \$325-375
- 2265 **1914-S. MS-60.** A choice coin with a little "coin rub" down Liberty, from contact with cousins of this ilk.
Estimated Value \$300-350



- 2266 **1915-S. PCGS graded MS-65.** One of the best available of this date. Mintages came in at a healthy 567,500 but most were later melted. Luckily for collectors, a bag of 1,000 of this date turned up in Central America some years ago, and that is the likely source of most mint state coins known. This gorgeous gem has a great strike and glowing luster. PCGS in their Population Report has graded 192 as such, with just 15 graded higher (all MS-66). One for the date collector who is assembling a gem set.
Estimated Value \$1,300-1,500
- 2267 **1915-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Nice frosty luster and well preserved. In an old green insert PCGS holder.
Estimated Value \$325-375

- 2268 **1915-S. PCGS graded MS-63.** Typical surfaces and luster for a choice coin.
Estimated Value \$325-375
- 2269 **1916-S. NGC graded MS-63.** Flashy luster and nicely struck for the date. Light coppery streaks seen on both sides, giving the coin added appeal.
Estimated Value \$400-450
- 2270 **1920. AU-58.** Gorgeous luster and color on this nice example of the low-mintage 1920 Philadelphia Double Eagle. Usual small bagmarks. A hint of rub, or are we imagining it?
Estimated Value \$300-350

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Double Eagles (\$20 Gold Pieces)

The Extremely Rare Mint State 1920-S St. Gaudens



Enlarged



- 2271 1920-S. PCGS graded MS-64.** We are proud to present this extremely rare coin for auction. Throw away the mintage figures, of the 528,500 struck, perhaps 100 survive today in all grades. The rest were melted or otherwise lost. This date is so rare that Breen estimated the number to survive at 8-12 when he wrote his Encyclopedia. Today, with the advantage of the PCGS and NGC Population Reports we see that around 100 have been graded by both services, which no doubt include some duplication between them. Of those graded, this is one of the best, as PCGS reports only 7 this high, with a single coin graded higher! We note that this one is housed in the old style green insert holder. Well struck for the date, with full details on the devices, and just a minor scattering of ticks keeping this just out of the full gem class. Identifiable by a small mark near the ray left and below from the eagle's beak. Good luster and a wonderful example for the specialist to purchase for a date set.
Estimated Value \$50,000-60,000

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| <p>2272 1922. MS-61. Cracked out of a PCGS holder where this one graded MS 61. Original color and pleasing surfaces for the date.
Estimated Value \$300-350</p> <p>2273 1922. MS-61. Another bright Double Eagle from our principal consignor. Shows some wiping hairlines and a few heavy abrasions.
Estimated Value \$300-350</p> <p>2274 1922. AU-58. Mellow orange-gold color, pleasant for the grade.
Estimated Value \$300-350</p> <p>2275 1922. AU-58. Light bagmarks and a touch of rub, but handsome overall.
Estimated Value \$300-350</p> <p>2276 1922. AU-55. Very appealing for the grade.
Estimated Value \$300-350</p> | <p>2277 1923. PCGS graded MS-63. Minor scuffs on the devices, and a hoard coin, however, most are baggier than seen here.
Estimated Value \$325-375</p> <p>2278 1923. MS-61. Most of the luster is present except on the highest devices. Nice fields and surfaces.
Estimated Value \$300-350</p> <p>2279 1923 and 1924. Both grade MS-60. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$600-650</p> <p>2280 1923-D. MS-64. Sparkles with mint luster.
Estimated Value \$400-450</p> <p>2281 1924. PCGS graded MS-64. Original "dirty gold" look, indicating an undipped coin.
Estimated Value \$350-400</p> <p>2282 1924. PCGS graded MS-64. Strong luster and nice surfaces for this date.
Estimated Value \$375-425</p> |
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Double Eagles (\$20 Gold Pieces) and Bullion Gold Coins

- 2283 1924. **PCGS graded MS-63.** This one seems very nice for the grade assigned. It remains in one of the small, first generation PCGS holders.
Estimated Value \$325-375
- 2284 1924. **PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$350-400
- 2285 1924. **MS-63.** Full frosty luster and well struck, the only complaint are two tiny rim nicks below the date.
Estimated Value \$350-400
From Stack's Sale, 5-1991, lot 1840
- 2286 1924. **MS-63.** Nice color and luster.
Estimated Value \$325-375
- 2287 1924. **MS-61.** Flashy luster and with clean surfaces. Minor handling ticks.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2288 1924. **MS-60.** Typical color and surfaces for the grade.
Estimated Value \$275-325
- 2289 1925. **NGC graded MS-63.** Pleasing obverse but a lot of abrasions on the eagle.
Estimated Value \$350-400
- 2290 1925. **MS-63.** A classic example of this type, well struck and preserved, with light coppery toning on either side. Undiminished surfaces. Removed from a PCGS holder where it was graded MS 63.
Estimated Value \$400-450
- 2291 1925. **MS-60.** Shiny scuffing on Liberty but the luster is a delight and the overall look is that of a Choice BU coin.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2292 1927. **PCGS graded MS-65.** A delightful gem that boasts frosty luster and exceptional surfaces.
Estimated Value \$750-800
- 2293 1927. **NGC graded MS-64.**
Estimated Value \$350-400
- 2294 1927. **PCGS graded MS-63.**
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2295 1927. **PCGS graded MS-63.** A nice bright coin with deep-yellow color.
Estimated Value \$350-400
- 2296 1927. **MS-63.** Good luster and a strong strike.
Estimated Value \$325-375
- 2297 1927. **MS-62.** Cracked out of a PCGS holder where it was graded the same. Frosty luster and nearly choice.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2298 1927. **MS-62.** Original and glowing, bright yellow gold.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2299 1927. **MS-61.** Frosty and nice for the grade, some bagmarks on Liberty's face.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2300 1927. **MS-60.** A bag coin, but frosty and nice for a type set.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2301 1927. **MS-60.** Orange-gold color with a number of abrasions but bright luster.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2302 1928. **PCGS graded MS-63.** Choice color and luster.
Estimated Value \$325-375

- 2303 1928. **MS-60.** Brushed on the obverse, producing an artificially bright glow, but the color is a delight and it's certainly more desirable than some baggy BU.
Estimated Value \$300-350
- 2304 1928. **AU-58.** Cracked out of a PCGS AU 58 holder. Nearly new.
Estimated Value \$300-350

Bullion Gold Coins

- 2305 1986 1 oz. or \$50 gold eagle. This grades Gem Proof. In the original box of issue from the Mint.
Estimated Value \$400-450
- 2306 1987 1 oz. or \$50 gold bullion coin and 1/2 oz. or \$25 gold bullion coin. Both are Gem Proof. In the original two coin box of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$550-600
- 2307 1988 Gold quarter oz. \$10 bullion coin and 1988 gold tenth oz. \$5 bullion coin. Both grade gem Proof. Both are in the original box of issue. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-175
- 2308 1997 Platinum 1 oz. or \$100 and 1/2 oz. or \$50 Proof bullion coins. Each is in the original box and case of issue from the Mint. Lot of 2 coins.
Estimated Value \$700-800

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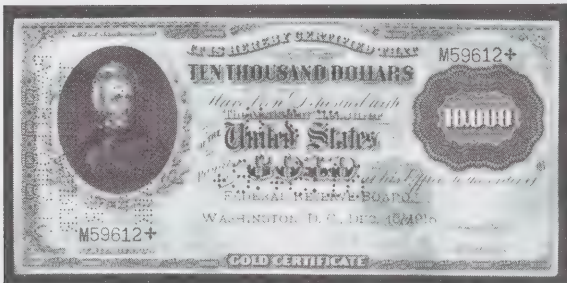
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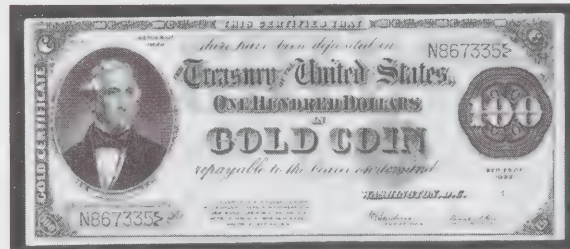
- 2309 1900 \$10,000 Gold certificate, Fr-1225. CU.** As with all others (save the other Fr-1225 in this sale) this note has been cancelled and has water stains that are seen on most of these notes, but this one is not scorched or burned by the fire which resulted in this notes "availability". Great eye appeal and well centered. These notes were being stored in a Treasury warehouse in 1935 when a fire broke out, as the fire spread, some of these notes caught fire, and many were thrown out of the building onto the street to prevent the fire from spreading. Naturally, many people assisted the fire fighters by removing the flammable notes and running away! An excellent example to frame and display. Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500

From Heritage's 2001 FUN Currency Auction, lot 4705.



- 2310 1900. \$10,000 Gold Certificate, Fr-1225, Fine, but damaged on the lower edge.** Here is a curiosity, supposedly all these \$10,000 gold notes were cancelled, but somehow this one was not. Even though this one has not been cancelled, we doubt the Treasury Department would redeem it today, but you can always ask! As with the other known examples, the lower edge is damaged with both corners missing from the 1935 Treasury warehouse fire, and this is best seen by the photograph above. The ink is still reasonably bright, and Jackson looks undiminished despite his near roasting back in 1935. Gold notes of this denomination are seldom offered and rarely encountered. An excellent item for the advanced collector to research and treasure. These notes became available in 1935 when the Treasury warehouse caught fire. As the fire spread, some of these notes were thrown out onto the street to keep the fire from spreading. Many were scorched or burned, and most at least show water damage. Passersby quickly took advantage of the situation, and spirited away a number of the notes. One can only guess at the excitement of finding a \$10,000 bill during the middle of the Great Depression! Here is one of those notes for the adventurous collector. Estimated Value \$500-750

Purchased from Heritage's FUN 2001 Currency Auction, lot 4703.

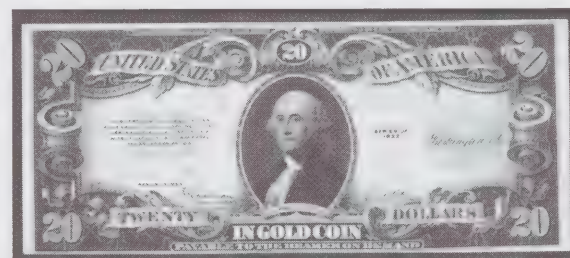


- 2311 1922 \$100 Gold Certificate, Fr-1215. AU.** Nicely centered and preserved, with minimal handling. The obverse depicts Thomas Hart Benton combined with the reverse of the small eagle with the fasces. Estimated Value \$1,800-2,000

From a Lyn Knight sale, unknown date, lot 734.

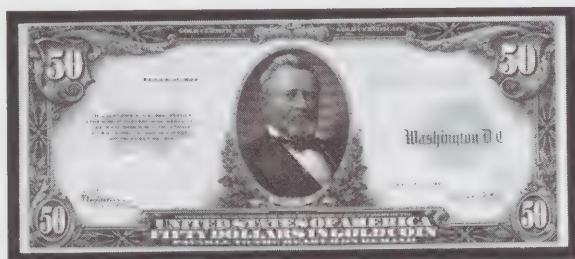


- 2312 1922 \$10 Gold Certificate, Fr-1173. Choice AU.** Bright and fresh ink on both sides, with rich black and gold ink on the front. The top margin is a bit tight, but still worth a good bid. Estimated Value \$250-300
- 2313 1922 \$10 Gold Certificate, Fr-1173. Choice AU.** Nice surfaces and color on this note, although the top and bottom margins are thin. A beautiful note for the collector. Estimated Value \$250-300



- 2314 1922 \$20 Gold certificate, Fr-1187. AU.** Dark ink on the front, with the paper appearing fresh and bright. We note the margins are thin on the bottom. A beautiful note and quite collectible in this grade. Estimated Value \$400-500
- 2315 1922 \$20 Gold certificate, Fr-1187. EF but with an edge tear.** There is a long tear near the lower right edge which has been carefully repaired, it is more noticeable on the back. Still quite presentable. Estimated Value \$125-150

Currency



- 2316 1922 \$50 Gold certificate, large size. Fr-1200. AU. The top margin is a bit narrow, as well as the lower one too, but neither are into the outer ink line. Nice orange colored ink on the back, and still fresh throughout.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500

Gold Certificates - Small

- 2317 1928 \$10 Gold certificate, Fr-2400. Crisp Uncirculated. Decent centering and still fairly bright. Always popular for the broken golden promises.
Estimated Value \$200-250
Purchased from Allen's Coin Shop in Westerville, Ohio some years ago.
- 2318 1928 \$20 Gold certificate, Fr-2402. Crisp Uncirculated. Brilliant colors, with bright gold ink which was applied in abundance, so much so that when this one was manufactured, the sheet behind this note left a trace of its seal on the reverse. The front is well centered, the reverse is a touch out of alignment. This is the last of the gold-backed notes.
Estimated Value \$250-300
Purchased from Superior Stamp & Coin, an A-Mark Company sale "The Premier Auction Sale", January 31, 1995, lot 1292.
- 2319 1928 \$20 Gold certificate, Fr-2402. Choice AU. Nice centering and color.
Estimated Value \$175-225
From Lyn F. Knight Inc.'s sale, September 23, 1994, lot 682.



- 2320 1928 \$50 Gold certificate, Fr-2404. CU. Clean surfaces and well preserved. This one has bright gold seals and serial numbers, and is well centered.
Estimated Value \$1,000-1,250
Purchased from Lyn F. Knight, Inc.'s MBS, September 18, 1995, Lot 151.



- 2321 1928 \$100 Gold certificate, Fr-2405. Choice AU. Great centering and just a few folds from new. These are the final issue of \$100 gold certificates that were released into circulation.
Estimated Value \$1,250-1,500
Purchased from Lyn F. Knight Inc.'s CPME Auction, February 1995, lot 571.

National Bank Notes - Small

- 2322 \$50 NBN, The First Wayne NB of Detroit, MI. Crisp Uncirculated. Charter #10527. F-1803-1. Series of 1929. Very scarce and possibly the finest known of 10 small outstanding according to Kelly. An outstanding opportunity. The paper is slightly wavy, but the ink very bright. Decent margins all around.
Estimated Value \$400-UP

Fractional Currency Shield



- 2323 1866. Fractional Currency Shield, Gray Background. F-1382. The notes show average age and the background of the shield has been extensively touched up. This was done to cover over the ever present water stains which are seen on virtually every one of these popular shields. Apparently, these shields were stored somewhere soon after they were made, and most show water damage at the bottom. Nicely framed and always popular, despite the restoration done, this one will likely go to some numismatists office where it can be admired daily.
Estimated Value \$2,500-3,000

Proof and Mint Sets

Proof Sets



- 2324 1942. This is simply the most stunning toned proof set we've seen. These coins grade Proof-67.** Over the generations in the coin business, a lot of proof sets have passed through our doors, but never, *never*, have we seen one like this. The silver coins are toned with vibrant gold, red and blue shades, the nickel (type I) is fresh and unspotted, with just a hint of nickel blue haze, and the cent shows streaky bronze to red color, again with no spots. Remarkably, each side of the silver coins are toned, not some one side wonder, but *both* sides are spectacular. The coins themselves are all pristine, with no handling problems whatsoever. We are certain that this set will always attract attention whenever it's displayed, and we doubt that anyone will ever want to part with it again. If toning like this could be manufactured, no doubt many sets would look like this, and obviously, most sets do not even come close. Worth a premium to the lover of toned coins, and certain to please.
- Toning is a curious phenomenon, basically silver when exposed to the air tarnishes, part of the natural process. Like silverware, or silver serving dishes, the surface discoloration is known as tarnish, and is normally polished away using a soft cloth and some silver polish that contains fine grit (like tiny sand). Close examination of polished silver pieces reveals fine lines, and on coins these are known as hairlines, and these diminish the grade and hence the value of most coins. To locate coins that have never been cleaned is a chore in and of itself, but to find them with spectacular toning is nearly impossible these days, as most were cleaned over the decades by careless collectors. If you want something really special, go after this proof set. Lot of 5 coins. Color photo.
- Estimated Value \$1,500-UP

- 2325 1953. These grade PR-63 to 65.** An original proof set which came to us still sealed in the original mint cellophane wrappers. The cent has some toning on the upper right, while the silver issues show light toning.
- Estimated Value \$175-200

From the Benson collection and probably purchased at the time of issue.

- 2326 1983-S Prestige Proof Sets (17 sets) and a 1984-S Prestige Proof Set.** Some of the sets show slight water damage on the illustrious government packaging, and thus should be briefly inspected. Lot of 18 sets for the dealer. All coins mounted in the original packaging. Lot of 18 sets.
- Estimated Value \$1,100-1,200

Mint Set

- 2327 1944-D. Date set of the 5 Denver issues. These grade from MS-60 to 64.** Most show some toning, while the cent is bright. An original set put away at the time of issue. Lot of 5 coins.
- Estimated Value \$40-50

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The 1932 Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Meritorious Public Service



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- 2328 1932 Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal. MS-60.** 69 mm. This was awarded to the New York World-Telegram for their work in 1932 and the award was given at the start of the year 1933. The obverse features a scantily clad pressman operating a screw type printing press surrounded by FOR THE MOST DISINTERESTED AND MERITORIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE RENDERED BY ANY AMERICAN NEWSPAPER DURING THE YEAR 1932--JOSEPH PULITZER MEDAL below, the reverse with a handsome image of Benjamin Franklin with HONORIS CAUSA in the fields, beneath the portrait is AWARDED BY COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TO THE NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM. On the edge the medal states Medallic Art Company, NY, 14 K.

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In addition to the individual awards, each year since 1918 a single gold medal is awarded to the newspaper that delivers the most outstanding meritorious public service for the year. This highly coveted award is often the centerpiece of any publishing companies work, and recipients are held in the highest regard and esteem throughout the country. It is reasonable to assume that most of the gold medals awarded over the years would be retained by the recipients, and hence few would ever be available on the public market unless circumstances drastically changed, as they did for New York World Telegram newspaper. Hence, this rare medal became available in the private market. The medal itself has been gently cleaned, and remains generally as issued. The original box of issue is included, which shows extensive wear and is missing part of the edge and clasp. A foremost opportunity for the advanced medal collector to purchase an extremely rare and sought after medal.

This medal contains over 4 1/2 ounces of gold.

Estimated Value \$5,000-UP

- 2329 1876. Centennial Mint Medal. MS-63.** Deeply toned with antique silver tones and slightly prooflike in the fields. Minor weakness on the high points of the design, and some doubling on peripheral letters and numbers.

Estimated Value \$40-50

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on January 17, 1946 for \$4.00.



Reduced

- 2330 1900. Bryan Dollar, HK-782.** This one grades EF. One of the scarcer varieties, this one states the silver and gold value, and on the reverse notes that it contains 870 grains of silver, worth the equivalent of 1 gold dollar. This particular variety is more scarce than some of the others, being valued at \$100 way back in 1963 the Hibler Kaplan book came out. Always in demand. Estimated Value \$250-300

- 2331 1925. Norse American Medal, Thin. PCGS graded MS-64.** Antique gold toning on both sides and very original. We note doubling on the date and the left leg. Estimated Value \$75-100

From the Benson collection and purchased from Schultz around 1944 for \$3.75.

- 2332 1925. Norse American Medal. Thin. PCGS graded MS-64.** For some reason, the thin version of this medal is much harder to find in high grades. PCGS has graded 24 this high, but just 7 higher. Don't miss out if you need a nice one for your collection. Blazing luster and well struck, without any signs of toning. Estimated Value \$300-350

- 2333 1925. Norse American Medal. Thick. PCGS graded MS-64.** Flashy and untuned, with ample luster and well struck devices. Always popular and often included in the Commemorative silver collections. Estimated Value \$125-150

- 2334 1925. Norse American Medal, Thick. PCGS graded MS-63.** This one has dark toning on the obverse, and antique gray on the reverse. Pretty surfaces and well preserved. Estimated Value \$50-60

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on January 26, 1946 for \$2.50.

- 2335 1925. Norse American Medals, Thick and Thin varieties.** These grade MS-60 to MS-63. Both have steel gray and colorful peripheral toning. Lot of 2 coins. Estimated Value \$200-250

Confederate Coin

- 2336 1861. Confederate Cent. Bashlow Copper Restrike from defaced dies. This one grades Uncirculated.** Coined circa 1961-2, this was struck on a thick bronze planchet with a reported mintage of 20,000, and were sold at \$2.50 each in 1962. Blazing red with minor touches of PVC which should be removed. Estimated Value \$5-10

From the Benson collection and likely purchased in 1962.

Tokens and Miscellaneous

Tokens

- 2337 1837. Feuchtwanger's cent. EF-45.** These were struck in 1837 by an eccentric Dentist from New York City, Dr. Lewis Feuchtwanger. They were a proposal to the Philadelphia Mint that would employ his own composition of metal instead of then current copper. The Feuchtwanger composition included copper, nickel, zinc, tin, antimony and other various trace metals, but the proportions varied too much to suit the Mint. Nevertheless, these tokens circulated widely, especially during the hard times of 1837 to 1844, when all Philadelphia Mint coinage was hoarded, and script and tokens such as this were spent as soon as possible. The obverse design of an eagle snagging a snake was popular at the time.

Estimated Value \$25-35

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on July 21, 1944 for 50¢.

- 2338 1863. Civil War Token, Grant obverse with Eagle reverse. EF-40.** Holed at 12 o'clock on the obverse. Great color and original.

Estimated Value \$20-30

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source.

- 2339 1933. So Called Dollar, HK-825. Pedley-Ryan Dollar. MS-63.** These were struck in 1933 to provide small investors with an opportunity to speculate in the price of silver. After 1932, the minimum investment was a 1,000 silver bar. The Pedley-Ryan company hoped that this would provide an outlet for the large quantity of surplus silver on the market, and provide some price support for the metal, which was trading around 27 cents to the ounce at the time. It is thought that not more than 500 of these were issued on January 7, 1933, and production was halted when these soon started turning up in filling stations where customers used these in lieu of silver dollars, which were the same exact size. We note multiple cuttings on some letters, and an errant D or P below PEDLEY in the field. The silver was obtained from the Denver Mint, and these were sold at 3 to the dollar by the investment house named.

Estimated Value \$50-75

From the Benson collection and purchased from Ira S. Reed on March 9, 1945 for \$25.00.

- 2340 1935. Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corp. A complete 8 coin set of ARRC Bingles. Sharpness of MS-60 but all have storage damage.** The set includes the one cent, five cent, ten cent, twenty-five cent, fifty cent, one dollar, five dollar and ten dollar tokens. Each is a nice mint state on one side, the other side damaged by a foam-rubber insert in the box they were held in for many years. Struck in 1935-36 and listed in the Guide Book for many years. Inspection recommended as this is a very rare set which is seldom seen. These poor darlings need some loving care!

These tokens were issued by the U. S. Government for the use of the colonists of the Mantanuska Valley Colonization Project to supply them with much-needed Federal aid. They were redeemable only at the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation stores. The "Bingles" as they were called, were in use for only about six months during 1935-36, after which they were redeemed for regular U. S. money and supposedly destroyed. They were issued on the basis of family dependents. Each token is the size of the corresponding U. S. coin with the exception of the one-cent piece, which is octagonal. The design is the same

on both sides of each denomination. Only 5,000 were struck of the one cent through dime, 3,000 of the quarter, 2,500 of the half dollar and dollar, and 1,000 each of the \$5 and \$10 tokens. Extremely rare today and seldom offered except when old-time collections cross the auction block.

Estimated Value \$200-300

From the Benson collection and probably purchased in the 1940s.

- 2341 1940. Fantasy Bawdy House, Brothel Token, "Silver Dollar Hotel". AU-50.** This token is a fantasy piece, struck for collectors. Listed on page 273 of the Alpert & Elman book "Tokens and Medals". Uniface, and always entertaining.

Estimated Value \$20-30

From the Benson collection.

Miscellaneous

- 2342 B. Max Mehl. The Star Rare Coin Encyclopedia.** This lot includes a 1935 edition of Mehl's famous Star Encyclopedia which grades Fine, next is an 1863 \$1 Confederate Note from The County of Rockbridge, Lexington, Virginia, issue of February 2, 1863, and states "By Order Of Court" and shows a cute vignette of a canal boat being pulled by a horse on shore and the note grades Very Good, and last but not least is an encased postage stamp of 5¢ with Franklin, the store card belonging to Albert W. Ault, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and states "LOANS ON STAMPS & COINS" with "UNDER STATE SUPERVISION" on the lower rim, the token grades at least Extremely Fine. Kind of a bizarre lot, but that's how it is sometimes. Each piece is interesting and has numismatic value, and the encased postage and Confederate Note could possibly be rare. Lot of 3 things.

Estimated Value \$50-UP

- 2343 A three coin type set of Rarities Mint gold coins.** These grade Proof and are still in the original plastic coin holders. Included are a 1 oz. piece; half oz. piece and quarter oz. piece, each coin tucked into a small wooden box of issue. Lot of 3 coins.

Estimated Value \$450-500

- 2344 A miscellaneous lot of coins and checks.** The first coin is a 1943 Mercury dime, PCGS graded MS64 FB; next is a 1921 Morgan dollar, BU; a 1922 Peace dollar, BU; a 1987 1 oz. silver round, BU; next a group of early checks: The Bodie Bank, two checks, one dated August 29, 1879, the other October 10, 1879; next are two checks both from the Agency Of The Bank of California Carson and Tahoe Lumber and Fluming Company, one dated November 30, 1874, the other June 7, 1878; A check from The Carson City Savings Bank dated February 23, 1878; and a check from The Carson City Savings Bank draft dated June 20, 1876 and last a BEP reprint circa 1981 of the \$20 gold "technicolor" note. A fun lot for the dealer to work through. Lot of 11 items.

Estimated Value \$100-UP

- 2345 A group of slabbed United States type coins.** This group has been third party graded and includes an 1835 half cent; 6 different Indian cents, common dates; 5 half dimes; 5 dimes from 1883 to 1943-D; 11 quarters from 1834 to 1930 and 11 half dollars from 1853 to 1946-D. An interesting mixture for the dealer. Slabbed by PCGS, NGC, PCI and SEGS. Lot of 39 coins.

Estimated Value \$1,000-UP

Hawaii Coins and Tokens and World Coins

Hawaii Coins and Tokens

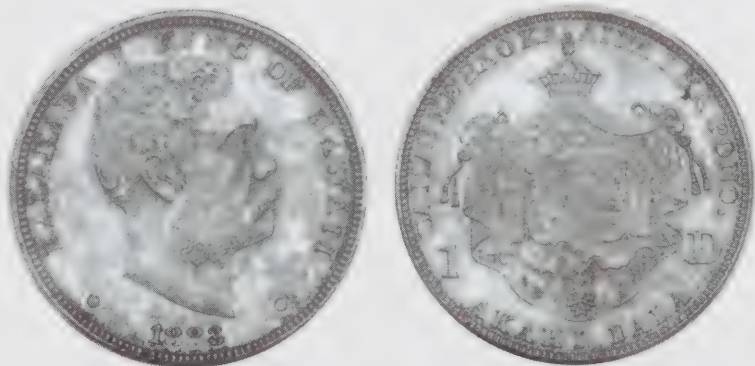


- 2346 1847 Hawaiian Cent. PCGS graded MS-63 Brown.** This one is nice for the grade, there is a hint of mint red near the devices and the coin is fully struck. We note minor handling marks in the fields, but none are problematic. On the reverse, there are two faded spots, both near the wreath and lettering.
Estimated Value \$800-1,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.

- 2347 1883 Hawaiian Silver Four Coin Set. Fine to Very Fine.** Includes Dollar, ½ Dollar, ¼ Dollar and 10 Cents. KM-3,5,6,7. All toned, some have been cleaned in the past. Lot of 4 coins.
Estimated Value \$150-UP

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source probably in the 1940s.



- 2348 1883 Hawaiian Dollar. PCGS graded MS-63.** One of the famous issues during the brief reign of King Kalakaua while the sugar interest (Claus Spreckels) in America was trying to worm his way to more and more power. The need for coinage and currency in the Islands was acute, and once David Kalakaua solidified his power in 1874, he attempted to bring the Territory of Hawaii into the 19th Century. Coinage was ordered, and Mint Engraver Charles Barber executed the dies. For the silver dollar, a total of 500,000 were coined, but most were melted, leaving a net mintage of just 46,348. Of these, most are well circulated, and finding a mint state example usually requires quite a bit of patience. To find a choice example, is quite a treat. This particular coin has mottled smoky gray toning with hints of blue gray and sunset tones near the devices. Boldly struck by the dies, we note strong details on the beard and the shield on the reverse. In their Population Report, PCGS notes only 8 graded this high, with 18 graded higher (best MS-65). Examination of the surfaces shows few signs of contact, and this coin is conservatively graded in our opinion. An important offering and one the specialist will truly enjoy.
Estimated Value \$4,000-5,000

From the Benson collection and purchased from an unknown source in the 1940s.

World Coins

- 2349 Canada. Modern Coin lot, mostly gold, as follows.** These coins are in their original boxes of issue from the various governments. Canada Gold, 1977 Proof \$100 Queen's Silver Jubilee; Canada Gold, 1978 Proof \$100 Canadian Unification (2 pieces); Canada Gold, 1979 Proof \$100 Year of the Child (2 pieces); Canada Gold 1980 Proof \$100 Arctic Territories (2 pieces); Canada Gold 1981 Proof \$100 Northern Anthem; Canada Gold, 1982 Proof \$100 New Constitution (2 pieces); Canada Gold, 1983 Proof \$100 St. John's Newfoundland; Canada Gold, 1986 Proof \$100 Peace; Canada Gold, 1987 Proof \$100 Olympics Lettered Edge; Canada Gold, 1979 Proof Elizabeth II Sovereign; Canada Silver 1975 \$1 Specimen Calgary (3 pieces); Canada Silver 1986 \$1 Proof Vancouver; Great Britain Gold 1987 Three piece set; Bermuda 1970 Five piece mint set; Ireland 1971 Six piece mint set and Russia 1980 Three piece Moscow XXII Olympiad set. A nice lot to break up for the dealer. Lot of 24 sets.
Estimated Value \$1,600-2,000

- 2350 Canada. Gold 10 Dollar, 1912.** Fr-3; KM-27. George V. Some bag marks. Lustrous. **Choice Extremely Fine.**
Estimated Value \$250-300

- 2351 Venezuela. 1930. Gold 10 B.** Apparently held aside since the date it was minted. Gorgeous mint bloom and light coppery gold toning. **PCGS graded MS-67.**
Estimated Value \$160-200

- 2352 Canada. 1967. Silver Dollar, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.** Lightly toned on the obverse, the reverse with deep, rich red hues around the periphery, white at the centers. Pristine mirror fields and devices. **PCGS graded Proof 67.**
Estimated Value \$75-100

- 2353 Puerto Rico. Peso, 1895-PGV. KM-24.** Alfonso, bust left. Reverse: Crowned arms. Deeply toned. Cleaned long ago. **About Uncirculated.**
Estimated Value \$300-500

- 2354 Puerto Rico. 20 Centavos, 1895-PGV. KM-22.** Alfonso XIII, bust left. Reverse: Crowned arms. Deeply toned. **Uncirculated.**
Estimated Value \$150-200

- 2355 Puerto Rico. 10 Centavos, 1896-PGV. KM-21.** Alfonso, bust left. Reverse: Crowned arms. Deeply toned. **Uncirculated.**
Estimated Value \$125-175

- 2356 Puerto Rico. 5 Centavos, 1896-PGV. KM-20.** Alfonso XIII. Value. Reverse: Crowned arms. Deeply toned. **Uncirculated.**
Estimated Value \$100-125

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1858 Three Cent
Silver PCGS PF65



1859 Three Cent
Silver PCGS PF63

3¢ Coins
COMPLETE



1913 Nickel
Type 1
PCGS PF66



Nickels 1866-1946
COMPLETE

1866 Five Cent
With Rays
PCGS PF65



1795 Half Dime
PCGS MS65



1797 Half Dime
16 stars
PCGS AU55



1794 Half Dime
PCGS MS64



1800 Half Dime
PCGS MS63



1839 Half Dime
No drapery
PCGS MS66

Half Dimes 1794-1873
NEARLY COMPLETE



1844-O Half Dime
PCGS MS61



1849-O Half Dime
PCGS AU58



1852 Half Dime
PCGS PF66



1858 Half Dime
PCGS PF65



1859 Half Dime
PCGS PF65



1854 Half Dime
Arrows
PCGS PF64



1860 Transitional
Half Dime
With Stars
PCGS MS67



1865 Half Dime
PCGS PF66

DIMES 1796-1945
NEARLY COMPLETE



1822 Dime
PCGS AU55



1873 Half Dime
PCGS PF67



1837 Dime No Stars
PCGS MS66



1844 Dime
PCGS AU55



1853 Dime
No Arrows
PCGS MS66



1874 Dime
With Arrows
PCGS PF65



1868 Dime
PCGS PF65



1867 Dime
PCGS PF65



1911 Dime
PCGS PF64



1925-D Dime
PCGS MS66FB



1925-S Dime
PCGS MS66FB



1876 Twenty
Cent Piece
PCGS PF64



1875-S Twenty
Cent Piece
PCGS PF63



1878 Twenty
Cent Piece
PCGS PF64

TWENTY CENT PIECES
1875-1878 NEARLY
COMPLETE



1796 Quarter
NGC MS63



1853 Quarter
with Arrows & Rays
PCGS MS65



1858 Quarter
PCGS PF65



1867 Quarter
PCGS PF66



1873 Quarter
With Arrows
PCGS PF64



1874 Quarter
PCGS PF67



1876 Quarter
PCGS PF67



1887 Quarter
PCGS PF67

QUARTERS 1796-1946
NICE SELECTION OF
DATES



1906 Quarter
PCGS PF67

HALF DOLLARS 1795-
1946 A NICE DATE
RUN



1911 Quarter
PCGS PF67



1916 Quarter
Full Head
PCGS MS63



1795 Half Dollar
PCGS AU55



1797 Half Dollar
PCGS VF20



1824 Half Dollar
NGC MS66



1854 Half Dollar
With Arrows
PCGS MS65



1858 Half Dollar
PCGS PF64



1865 Half Dollar
PCGS PF66



1866 Half Dollar
PCGS PF66



1884 Half Dollar
PCGS PF67



1879 Half Dollar
PCGS PF66



1881 Half Dollar
PCGS PF66



1897 Half Dollar
PCGS PF66



1795 Dollar
PCGS AU58



1797 Dollar
9x7 Large Letter
PCGS XF45



1795 Dollar
PCGS XF45



1836 Dollar
Gob. J-60
PCGS PF62



1878-5 Trade
Dollar
PCGS MS64



1859 Dollar
PCGS PF64



1881 Trade Dollar
PCGS PF65

1838 Pattern Half Dollar
J-72
PCGS PF64



1878 Dollar
PCGS PF63



1921 Zerbe Dollar
PCGS PF64



1850 Pattern Three Cent
J-125
PCGS PF64

PATTERN
A NICE RUN



1859 Pattern Half Dollar
J-235
PCGS PF64



1859 Pattern Half Dollar
J-241
PCGS PF65



1864 Pattern Two Cent
J-371
PCGS PF65



1915-S Pan Pacific
Commemorative
PCGS MS66



1878 Pattern Half Eagle
J-1576
PCGS PR66BN

VER DOLLARS 1795-
1935 A NICE SELEC-
TION OF DATES AND
MINTS

Common Type
Common
Silver Coins 1892-
1953

OTHER SELECT CONSIGNMENTS



1829 Half Dime
NGC PF64



1830 Half Dime
NGC PF66



1836 Half Dime
NGC PF66



1830 Dime
NGC PF66



1825 Dime
NGC PF65





1833 Dime
NGC PF66



1853 Quarter
Arrows & Rays
NGC PF64



1855 Quarter
With Arrows
NGC PF66



1853 Half Dollar
With Arrows & Rays
NGC PF65



1806/4 Quarter Eagle
NGC MS63



1806/5 Quarter Eagle
NGC MS63



1807 Quarter Eagle
NGC MS62



1795 Half Eagle
Large Eagle Reverse
NGC MS61



1796/5 Half Eagle
NGC MS62



1800 Half Eagle
NGC MS64



1802/1 Half Eagle
NGC MS64



1803/2 Half Eagle
NGC MS64



1804 Half Eagle
Sm/Lg 8
PCGS MS-64



1805 Half Eagle
PCGS MS-64





1806 Half Eagle
Pt 6 8x5 stars
PCGS MS64



1806 Half Eagle
Rd 6 7x6 stars
PCGS MS64



1810 Half Eagle
Small Date Lg 5
PCGS MS64



1811 Half Eagle
Tall 5
PCGS MS63



1795 Eagle
9 Leaves
PCGS MS60



1796 Eagle
NGC MS62



1797 Eagle
Small Eagle
NGC AU53



1798/7 Eagle
9x4 Stars
PCGS MS61

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The Robert Miller Collection

The Miller Collection of Half Eagles was assembled over 20 years. As a full time coin dealer, Robert (Bob) Miller always kept a weather eye out for nice early coinage, specializing in die varieties. Years ago, he nearly completed his bust quarter collection, and worked with the late Walter Breen on a revision of the Browning Quarter variety reference. Breen liked Miller's work, and they worked together on a variety book for half eagles, with Breen sharing his notes with Miller. As Miller's collection grew, he continued to find new varieties and die states. After years of work and countless updates and revisions, *Miller's United States Half Eagle Gold Coins 1795 to 1834* was published in 1997. The Miller Collection of half eagles and other coins will be offered at public auction in February of 2002.



1795 Half Eagle
Miller-12 Rarity 7
XF



1795 Half Eagle
Miller-2 Rarity 4
Sharpness of XF



1800 Half Eagle
Miller-41 Rarity 7+
AU



1805 Half Eagle
Miller-73 Rarity 6
Not Listed in Breen
AU



1806 Half Eagle
Miller-82
2 known
VF

1828 Dime Small Date
NGC MS-63
Ex. Cleneay Collection
Always Graded Proof



1828 Quarter
NGC PF62
Ex. Cleneay Collection

THE BENSON COLLECTION

of United States Coinage

Part 2

We have auctioned untold millions of dollars' worth of rare coins over several decades, yet the spectacularly toned silver coins in the Benson Collection are, as a whole, the most impressive group we have ever seen in terms of consistency of quality and beauty. Primarily for preservation, most of the collection was sent intact to PCGS last year for encapsulation and each is designated "Benson" on the grading tag. The coins were put away into a safe deposit box in 1946 and were not seen again until we began unwrapping them last year.

Part I of the Benson Collection, sold February 16-20, 2001, is now history. This sale, which featured his copper coins, had impressive runs of colonials, half cents, large cents and small cents, which included the Howard Newcomb Indian and Lincoln cent collections. A bevy of phone and mail bidders, combined with a standing-room-only crowd, drove prices to new levels and several records were obtained.

And now it is the turn of the marvelous Benson silver coins to take the numismatic spotlight.

The silver coins in the Benson collection are where the family focused most of its attention, culminating in a stunning assemblage of superb coins dating from 1794 through 1946. These coins will form the basis of the Benson II auction and will be offered February 17-20, 2002.

Since 1946, these coins have been carefully stored in either the National Albums panel pages devised by legendary dealer Wayne Raymond, or carefully wrapped in anti-tarnish tissue paper placed inside envelopes marked with the price paid, the date of acquisition and from whom purchased. The result is pristine quality enhanced by a consistently beautiful rainbow of iridescent toning on almost every coin. The eye appeal is so exceptionally pleasing that, during a preview of some of the silver coins at the summer 2000 ANA convention, a new term was born and widely used by dealers at the show - "Benson toning."

How this extraordinary collection was formed makes for an unusual numismatic tale. The younger Dr. Benson started collecting coins as a Cub Scout in 1939, placing "finds" of Indian cents and other coins taken from circulation into Wayne Raymond holders. His father was a prominent Philadelphia physician with offices in Rittenhouse Square, in the heart of the old colonial city. Among his patients were several of the numismatic luminaries of the time, including dealer Ira Reed and the first female Director of the U.S. Mint, Rae V. Blester (appointed by FDR, she served until 1956).

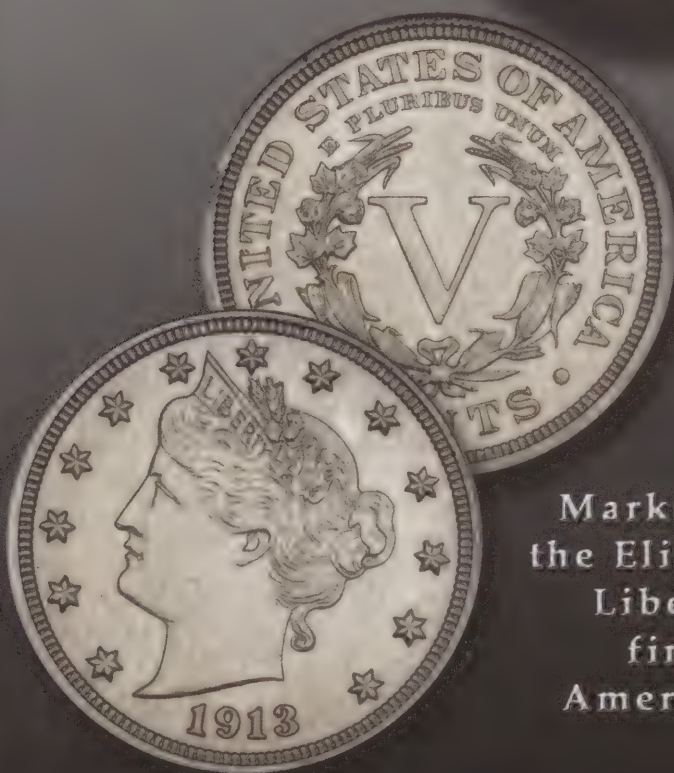
Ira Reed introduced father and son to the spectacular world of rare coins, showing them treasures of the U.S. Mint, runs of 19th century Proof sets, and even splendid survivors of the earliest days of America, before it was a Republic. He taught both father and son "how to collect."

While visiting Mint Director Blester, they were given intimate glimpses of the minting process itself and allowed to purchase first strikes of coins made each year during the 1940s. Thus many of the Benson coins came directly into the collection from the Mint Director, while earlier pieces were hand-selected for them by Ira Reed.

The father-son collecting team ended its pursuits when the son decided to follow in his father's footsteps. After he entered medical school, the coin collection was simply put away. These treasures remained intact for over half a century until Dr. Benson asked us if we would be interested in auctioning some "old coins."

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The California Gold Marketing Group acquired the S.S. Central America "Ship of Gold" The Largest Purchase in the History of Numismatics. Ira & Larry Goldberg are principals in the California Gold Marketing Group. Dwight Manley is managing partner.



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16	\$2,415	70	\$3,450	124	\$115	179	\$460	233	\$167	287	\$632	341	\$15,525
17	\$7,475	71	\$4,830	125	\$63	180	\$253	234	\$437	288	\$1,121	342	\$6,900
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25	\$8,050	79	\$506	134	\$690	188	\$690	242	\$126	296	\$391	350	\$23,172
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385	\$98	453	\$747	521	\$2,875	589	\$402	658	\$1,265	726	\$1,552	794	\$834
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390	\$2,300	458	\$310	526	\$546	594	\$1,035 *	663	\$241	731	\$12,075	799	\$4,830
391	\$121	459	\$805	527	\$345	595	\$1,552	664	\$2,185	732	\$3,910	800	\$5,750
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396	\$201	464	\$379	532	\$2,070	600	\$1,322	669	\$230	737	\$862	805	\$3,335
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405	\$506	473	\$1,782	541	\$13,800	609	\$604	678	\$5,290	746	\$6,440	814	\$80
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413	\$1,207	481	\$529	549	\$264	617	\$172 *	686	\$13,800	754	\$2,415	822	\$483
414	\$322	482	\$32,200 *	550	\$1,236	618	\$2,300	687	\$2,300 *	755	\$2,530	823	\$264
415	\$460 *	483	\$719	551	\$2,990	619	\$12,650	688	\$1,437 *	756	\$862	824	\$402
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445	\$172	513	\$661	581	\$1,150	650	\$529	718	\$6,612	786	\$2,530	854	\$2,760
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903	\$2,530	966	\$32,200 *	1029	\$977	1092	\$719	1156	\$3,220	1219	\$1,840	1282	\$3,450 *
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2271	\$59,800	2314	\$575	3100	\$1,035	3207	\$15,525	3320	\$2,012	3408	\$862	3536	\$2,645
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2278	\$345	2321	\$2,645	3107	\$69	3214	\$5,750 *	3327	\$1,127	3500	\$667	3543	\$834
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2280	\$460 *	2323	\$3,450	3109	\$132	3216	\$4,025	3329	\$719	3502	\$661	3545	\$834
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THE COLORS RESULTING from the toning on the coins in this set of 1942 Proof coins helped drive the price to \$20,700, on an estimate of \$1,500 and up.

Interest in toned coins helps drive prices in Benson sale

By Stuart Segan

COIN WORLD Staff

A new collector logic appears to be taking shape, and prices for coins that meet the new criteria of these collectors are surpassing *Coin World* Trends values by several orders of magnitude.

The new logic focuses on a particular toning aspect. Toning in itself is not a new concept. However, it isn't just toning that the market is responding to, but attractive toning that represents the utmost in originality. Specifically, toning that develops only on coins that are left to repose quietly in one place for a very long time.

Analysis

This became especially apparent in Ira & Larry Goldberg Coins & Collectibles Inc.'s two-session auction Feb. 18 and 19 of a portion of Steven Benson's collection of U.S. coins. The 2,356-lot sale did not contain exclusively Benson coins. However, those lots that did were annotated as such.

Completion of the Benson collection, according to the Goldberg catalog, was concluded in 1946 and the silver coins sat undisturbed in Wayte Raymond style holders. The Wayte Raymond holders are known for producing what is considered by many an attractive coloration on silver coins. Dr. Benson asked that his coins be graded by PCGS "primarily in order to protect them." PCGS certified the coins and placed them in holders in 2000.

The Benson collection began with a 1794 Flowing Hair half dime graded Mint State 64 by Professional Coin Grading Service. Estimated by the auctioneer to be valued between \$15,000 and \$20,000, it realized \$31,050 with the 15 percent buyer's fee.

The following lot, a 1795 Flowing Hair half dime graded MS-65 also by PCGS, realized \$46,000. Current *Coin World* Trends reports a retail valuation of \$27,000.

Another 1795 Flowing Hair half dime, graded PCGS AU-55, realized \$4,428 compared to Trends retail values of \$3,500 in AU-50 and \$4,750 in Mint State 60.

In rapid succession, half dimes pedigreed to the Benson collection greatly exceeded pre-auction estimates and current *Coin World* Trends values, including a 1796 Draped Bust, LIBERTY half dime variety graded Very fine 30 by PCGS, a 1797 Draped Bust, 16 Stars half dime graded PCGS AU-55 and an 1800 Draped Bust

half dime graded PCGS MS-63.

On a more modest financial level, many of the Benson Capped Bust half dimes estimated at \$150 to \$200 brought prices in excess of \$500.

The Benson specimen of the 1838-O Seated Liberty half dime graded PCGS MS-63 realized \$12,075. Benson purchased it in 1945 for \$2.50.

But as with the Capped Bust coins, it was the more modestly valued Seated Liberty half dimes that caused observers to take notice that a new logic or outlook was taking shape. Two 1853 Seated Liberty, With Arrows half dimes, a relatively common coin in all grades including Uncirculated, realized \$178 and \$334, respectively. Both coins were graded PCGS AU-58. One could locate an "ordinary" accurately graded PCGS MS-63 example for around \$225.

Session two began an 1875-S Seated Liberty 20-cent coin graded Proof 63 by PCGS, of which there were perhaps 12 Proofs. As rare as the coin is, a few specimens have gone unsold at auction even when very modest reserves were in effect. This specimen brought \$32,200 against an estimate of \$12,500. Again, the toning was the decisive factor.

The highlight of the evening in terms of "buzz" if not the actual dollar amount turned out to be a set of gorgeously toned 1942 Proof coins from the cent to the half dollar, not an item from Dr. Benson's collection. The consignor, however, knew it was a special set apart from its high technical grade. The three silver coins — Walking Liberty half dollar, Washington quarter dollar and Winged Liberty head dime — all exhibited vibrant colors. Clearly the coins made a spectacularly well-matched set in the truest sense of the word.

Anticipating there would be enthusiasm for beautifully and originally toned coins, the consignor's desire was only that he receive a fair price. The wholesale price is in the neighborhood of \$2,500 to \$3,500 for a complete set with each coin professionally graded Proof 67.

According to Ira Goldberg, the consignor would have been thrilled to receive \$5,000, an ample sum to reflect the set's exceptional quality. When it realized \$20,700, it no doubt seemed like an exclamation point at the end of an evening of strong realizations for exquisitely toned coins. **CW**

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